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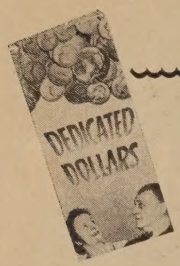

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In Memoriam

Miss Fannie Fern Fisher, retired missionary to India, died March 8, 1959, at the Methodist Sunset Home, Quincy, Illinois. Born December 19, 1861, at Elizabeth, West Virginia, she was at the time of her death the oldest Woman's Division missionary.

Before sailing to India in 1896, Miss Fisher studied at the University of Illinois and the Chicago Training School. For several years she taught school in Illinois.

Her first assignment in India under the Northwestern Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was at Taylor High School at Poona. But Miss Fisher spent most of her thirty-two years of missionary service at Kolar.

In 1909 she accepted an appointment at the Baldwin Girls' High School to fill in an emergency vacancy for five years. From 1914-1916 she did evangelistic work in Bidar, in the state of Hyderabad.

Upon retirement in 1923 she became Field Secretary in the Northwestern Branch, spending much time in itineration. In 1925 she was called back to South India Conference to meet an emergency at Madras. This was followed by a year in Bidar.

She again entered retired relationship in 1927. Since 1943 she had lived at the Sunset Home where her cheerful disposition endeared her to the entire Sunset family.

Miss Lucy Wadhams Beach, retired missionary to India, died in her sleep March 27, 1959, at her home in Jackson, Michigan. Born December 22, 1889, in Luther, Michigan, she was educated at Michigan State Normal College and Ohio Wesleyan University.

Miss Beach sailed for North India in 1920. During her years as a missionary she did educational work, was hotel manager, principal of institutions at Bijnor, Moradabad, Pauri, Almora, Sitapur, Pithoragarh, and was manager of Warne Baby Fold in Bareilly. While at the Teachers' Training School in Almora, she started the first nursery school of the North India Conference.

From 1941-1944 she was detained in the United States because of war conditions. On October 21, 1944, she sailed again for India where she remained until 1952. Because of ill health, Miss Beach retired in 1954.

She will long be remembered for her strong sense of responsibility, her dedicated spirit, and her unceasing love for the people whom she served.

Miss Mary Alice Green, retired missionary to China, died suddenly at Sanford, North Carolina, April 2, 1959.

Born near Goldston, North Carolina, November 11, 1879, Miss Green was educated at Littleton College, Littleton, North Carolina; Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois; and Methodist Training School, Nashville, Tennessee. During furlough she also studied at Biblical Seminary and Columbia University, New York City, and Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Before sailing for China in 1912, she taught at Littleton College. From 1912-1940 she served as an evangelistic missionary in East Changchow and North Changchow. She was here when the war broke out and was interned by the Japanese from 1940 until 1943 when she was repatriated on the *Gripsholm*.

Even though Miss Green retired in December, 1945, she continued to carry a full program of activities in her local church in Sanford. In December, 1958, she wrote to Mrs. Porter Brown, "I am still living a busy life. In His strength I have been able to meet many needs of our church and community." In the same letter, her life philosophy was stated in a brief description of the troubled times in China. "We were in danger many times, but unafraid."

Miss Helen C. Piper was born in Bridgeport, Illinois, August 7, 1882. Following her graduation from the Chicago Deaconess Training School in 1912, she did field work for that institution. In 1913, she joined the staff of the Montana Deaconess School at Helena to teach music. She was made principal of the school in 1932, and served in that capacity until her retirement in 1950.

Miss Piper passed away in Helena on February 21, 1959.

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***Brazil*—Miss Verda Farrar (Regular); Miss Frances Mitchell (Special Term).**

***Peru*—Miss Opal Meier (Regular).**

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Mrs. Jonah Chitombo

Lady from Nyadiri

by
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At present Mrs. Jonah Chitombo from Southern Rhodesia is the guest of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the United States. Arriving in March, she spent a number of weeks of orientation under the guidance of the Department of Christian Social Relations before attending conferences and Schools of Missions. She is one of the women from abroad who will serve as resource persons for the National Seminar at Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, in July. The theme of the seminar is "The Family in a World of Rapid Social Change."

THE life of Jocelyn Chitombo has been one of increasing beauty and developing Christian virtues. Those who meet her are struck by the power of her Christian witness and naturally wonder how she achieved this dynamic radiance. To understand her, one must first envision her as a little girl in the Girls' Boarding School at Nyadiri, Southern Rhodesia.

Jocelyn seldom spoke out in class. Day after day she quietly took her place, focused her soft brown eyes on the missionary teacher, and opened her mind to absorb all the exciting new things told her. To no one's surprise, she finished the seventh grade at the top of the class.

Even though she entered a nearby British Methodist School for the eighth grade in 1944, her teacher at Nyadiri could not forget her. She was not sure that Jocelyn was convinced that she should become a Christian, for she had made no public confession of her faith. Daily the missionary prayed for her. Finally one day she wrote to Jocelyn, inquiring if she had become a Christian and expressing her continuing interest.

Not long after that, Jocelyn paid a visit to her former teacher. She was still pensive and quiet, but there was a determined look on her face. She politely answered questions about her new school before coming to the purpose of her call.

"Thank you for the letter," she began. "No, I have never asked Christ to come into my life, but I have been thinking much about it since I received your letter. I know now that I want to do it."

The teacher's heart leaped. This was the moment every missionary longs for. Earnestly they talked about the meaning of being a Christian. As they knelt together Jocelyn told God all the thoughts of her heart, asked Him to cleanse her from all sin, and to come to live in her life. As she arose from her knees, there was a new joy in her eyes and a glow on her face. She walked out of the missionary's house with a poise and confidence that have since characterized her whole life.

Deciding to become a nurse, she returned the next year to Nyadiri for nurses' training. She was baptized, becoming a full member of the church and an active participant in the nurses' prayer group that met each week. Her teachers watched her development with great joy. One of them described her:

"How well I remember Jocelyn. Always a cheerful, conscientious worker, she seemed to bubble over with the joy of living. Nothing was ever too hard for her to do. She was very quiet and humble, but in her third year we began to notice her good influence on the other student nurses and to recognize a budding leader."

After graduation she went to Mutambara as a graduate nurse for a year. She returned to Nyadiri to take charge of all the student nurses. Here her professional skill and her poised, unassuming manner endeared her to both hospital staff and patients.

But there was still another dimension of living for this growing personality. Romance bloomed. Rev. Jonah Chitombo chose Jocelyn as his second wife. His first wife had died, leaving him with a large family. Into this new role as wife of a minister and mother of a growing family she brought the same quiet dignity and charm. Her husband later became the first African district superintendent. Jocelyn is very active in the *Rukwadzano* (African Woman's Society of Christian Service) while still working as a staff nurse at the hospital. One year when all the missionary nurses and doctors were at conference, someone overheard the doctor saying, "As long as Mrs. Chitombo is in charge, all will go well."

Her influence has grown even beyond the local and district area, for she has been named a member of the Field Committee, the business organization of the whole conference. And in 1952 she was the only woman delegate to go to Central Conference (similar to Jurisdictional Conference in the United States).

Now she has traveled across an ocean to share her radiance with the people of the United States. Her witness among us is a reminder that missions is a two-way street.

Cub Scouts (foreground) and Boy Scouts march proudly at a recent Scouting Field Day.

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Kindu—Christian Social Center

study book project

An African Montage

ON THE banks of the Lualaba River, in the Belgian Congo, a sprawling city of 30,000 Africans and 1,000 Europeans has developed almost overnight. Walking through the Belgian section, one sees modern department stores, supermarkets, office buildings, and both European and American cars. From the new airport just outside town comes sounds of planes landing from Stanleyville and Elisabethville. From the docks, river boats from Pontierville pick up goods shipped by trains from Albertville. The hum of breweries, rice mills, shipyards, and the pounding feet of hundreds of unemployed all combine to give Kindu the heartbeat of a modern city.

But it is more than that. On all sides of this streamlined structured town lie the diverse African sections. Here thirty thousand people from numerous tribes discover that ancient customs and differing languages offer fuel for multiplied tensions and misunderstandings. Their windowless mud huts with palm roofs are crowded together only ten to twenty feet apart. They breathe the air of a restless and uprooted people, so recently come from the stability of village life to this bewildering metropolis.

Most of them are first generation citizens, faced with the necessity of building up a whole set of mores and habits. Gone is the family pattern where Mama and the children furnished food from the family garden and Papa provided the meat and clothes when he had money. Now the tables are turned. It is Papa who is the breadwinner while Mama and the children have leisure on their hands. The open doors of bright cabarets lure many of them.

The family unit often includes a man, wife, and children with one or more sets of in-laws—an uncle, aunt, and children, a village brother or sister, and numerous distant cousins who have all come to the city in hope of a new life. Most of their mud huts (worth about a hundred dollars American money) are totally inadequate for any semblance of sanitary existence.

The people cook their food either

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Four Boy Scouts of the mission troop take their Scout oath in special ceremonies. Their left hands rest on the Belgian flag which is the flag of the Congolese, too.

products for sale—sewing machines, cameras, typewriters, eye glasses, radios and cars. The desire for these things is being continually stimulated beyond their means to purchase or their judgment to know the relative value or usefulness to the family.

The educational opportunities of the majority of the people have been extremely limited. Hardly anyone has more than elementary schooling. In fact, fifth-grade graduates are still very rare. And girls have been going to school for only two or three years. However, the Belgian principle for their first fifty years has been the education of the masses to be literate, and a surprising proportion of the population can read and write.

A middle class of Congolese is beginning to develop, composed of clerks, secretaries, commercial workers, and primary teachers. A small number are finishing secondary schools and universities. Among these groups some live in cement or brick houses with metal

in the huts or outdoors, while squatting on the ground. Fingers are the only implements used for eating meals. Beds are grass mats spread on dirt floors. (As a result of this exposure, they sniffle with perpetual colds.) Each member of the family usually has only one garment of clothing. When they wash them in nearby streams, they drape loin cloths, Gandhi fashion, about their bodies and tie them behind their necks. Ninety-five per cent of the people go barefooted.

It is often difficult for the men to decide what trade they want to learn. One day it is carpentry; another day, they would like to drive a truck or to take up bricklaying. Since the average income is only fifteen dollars a week and the price of shoes or a woman's three-piece costume runs around five dollars, it is easy to see the hopeless economic situation they face.

All around them are many new

One of the advantages of living in the city—running water within two or three city blocks of your house. Every member of the family helps to carry water.

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roofs. They deck their windows with curtains, plant flowers in their yards, and have cars parked beside their homes.

Is the Church in the Picture?

One of the missionaries working in Kindu recently said:

"Almost everyone in the Congo has now heard the name of Jesus. Because the country is nominally Roman Catholic, there is nothing novel about Christianity. Thousands are listed as Christians without the slightest evidence of changed lives. Thus Christianity does not stand out in sharp relief against the ancient Animism."

The church, here as elsewhere, must take the people where they are, and seek to fill their needs both spiritually and socially. The Methodist missionaries live on a hilltop concession in the center of the African section of the city. An extensive Christian Social Center program is being developed within the area of Kindu (Cité Belge, Tukuluti, and Katako Kombe).

The two missionaries of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the missionary couple of the Division of World Missions who are stationed at Kindu dream of developing the three centers in similar pattern allowing for needed variation. They want to build units including three classroom buildings with kitchen, to be used for nursery, library, courses in crafts, French, literacy, home beautification, child care, foods and sewing; an office, storeroom, and bath; and a gymnasium (a roofed-in play area large enough for basketball court) to be used for a variety of sports and other recreation such as drama, movies, and music.

What Is Going on Now?

At the present time activities are being carried on in temporary buildings. One of the missionaries describes her work:

"Since French is the language spoken by the Belgians, I teach French classes in all three sections of the city for both men and women. I have a section for beginners and one for those who already speak a little French.

"I have a sewing club in operation at one center. The women meet to use the sewing machines and scissors furnished by the center. They bring their own material and I help them fit the pattern."

The craft work was described by someone who peeped in on some of the sessions.

"There were fifty to sixty-five children spread along the abutment of the church using it for a seat and work table. They were having a wonderful time making animals. Some just sloshed in the mud, but others turned out cute little things that were later painted and carried proudly home. A group of teen-agers did some papier maché work and spatter-painted the Christmas scene to take home. Next week the boys will make cars out of native balsa and the girls will make sock dolls."

A glimpse of the recreational program can be seen in this description:

"The women enjoy badminton and volleyball. It is surprising how quickly they have caught on to hitting the birdie and the ball—maybe even better than the women at home. At first there were games for the children. Then the women came and asked for a time of games for themselves. This is astonishing. For usually we think of African women being embarrassed to do anything demonstrative. Next the men saw the women playing and they also wanted to play games. Both men and women love to play horseshoes, darts, soccer and even the hula hoop."

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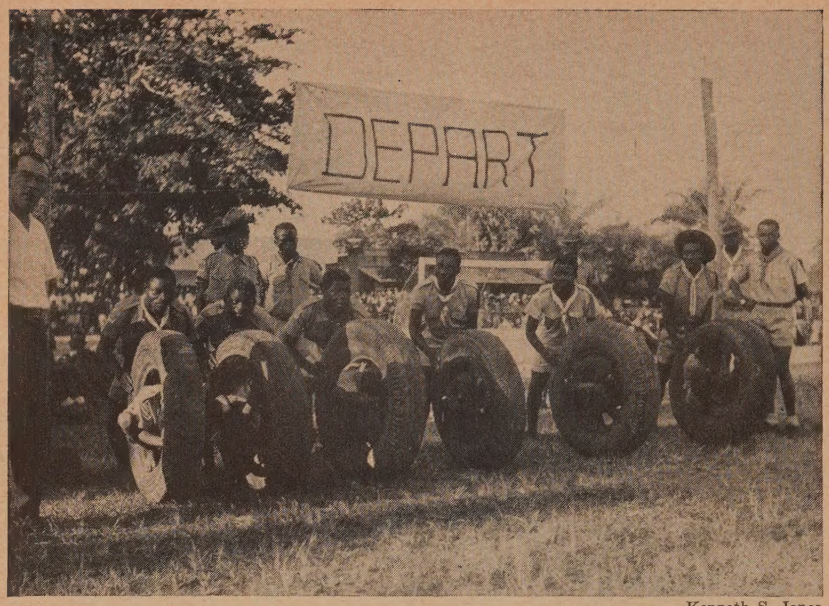
A primary department of a Kindu church school renders special music in a church service.

At Katako Kombe there is a reading room. Three literacy classes have a total enrollment of over seventy. One of the missionaries supervises a nursery school with thirty-three children under five years.

At Tukuluti one of the missionaries has two French classes and an African man has literacy classes five days a week. He will also have a craft class once a week, "mostly to keep the children out of the windows while the missionary is teaching French."

Soon there will be four nurseries in all. Teachers are plan-



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Methodist Boy Scouts and Cubs (inside tires) took part in a recent Scout Jamboree in Kindu.

ning a new schedule which includes handwashing, thank-you prayer, march, rest, individual games, play-together games, "voyage" (which is how the Belgians describe going-for-a-walk-to-see-what-we-can-see). Music and religious training are also important parts of nursery curriculum.

At Cité Belge there are French and literacy classes. "The problem with the literacy classes is to keep them from memorizing the lesson so they can say it without looking —then of course they are not reading it at all."

A significant work is being carried on by the Division of World Missions missionary in Boy Scout work. About twenty-five Scouts and fifteen Cub Scouts come twice a week from all the city to the hill-top center where they practice their scout-craft in the nearby woods.

African Leadership

It is important to understand that Africans are being trained to accept leadership in the social program of the church as well as its other phases. "More and more as the leaders can fit into places of responsibility we want to give them the chance," one missionary stated.

A number of excellent social centers are operated by the government where much emphasis is given to sewing, cooking, and laundering. It is the aim of the Christian Social Center to supplement this program rather than compete with it.

Social Centers Are People

"I feel we have to learn to know the people—our women, our youth, and our school children—as they live, visiting them at home, sharing with them the love and fellowship of the Christian gospel." These were the words of one of the missionaries of the center. She sums up the underlying motivation for the church in setting up the Christian Social Centers and what the emerging character of the centers should be when she writes: "Our centers must be real centers of love, of service, where we can help the people to grow in the knowledge that the love of God and the Gospel are for them, and that they can share it all with each other. So we've got to make the work a personal thing and not just an impersonal organizational institution."

How Can We Get Into the Picture?

This year the focus of attention is on Africa. It is exciting to know that as an outgrowth of this study, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have an opportunity to participate in bringing a more effective Christian witness in a specific situation by giving to the Christian Social Center at Kindu.

The Kindu Urban Center program includes all kinds of recreation. The habitual dress of the Congolese woman does not lend itself to badminton.

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Southwest Texas Rural Work, Gonzales County

A beginner demonstrates her weaving ability for Mrs. Eloise Turner and Miss Annie McIver Rogers, deaconess, at Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg

In our imaginations there forms a long line—babies, oldsters, boys and girls, parents—moving past Bethlehem Center in Spartanburg, South Carolina. As we take a closer look, they begin to fall into various activity groups. Let's see what they are doing.

This mother is bringing her baby for a checkup and the little boy hiding behind her skirts for a shot, which he has heard about and does not want! Those boys and girls—some 150 of them—come every summer to vacation Bible school. The "Red Birds," a group of boys aged eight to eleven (many from broken homes), are getting ready for a trip to the park. The Brownies are all dressed up in their Scout uniforms and very much excited about an overnight trip to camp. On the other side of the fence among the boys we find Cubs, Boy Scouts, and Explorers.

Every Wednesday evening the teen-agers meet in a Fellowship Hour for programs and good times. Now we see a woman coming along with a small loom in her arms. She is a member of the weaving class. The men and women in the P.T.A. not only have regular monthly meetings but come an extra night for a child guidance class. Over here we find a group of older folks quilting and making baby clothes.

And of course the line would be incomplete if we did not mention Bethlehem Center Camp located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. This is an ideal spot for city boys and girls to get a taste of the out-of-doors and to become acquainted with the wonders of God's world.

Seattle Atlantic Street Center

The half-century mark was passed by Seattle Atlantic Street Center, Seattle, Washington, in January, 1959. Its early pioneer work centered around a well-baby clinic, visiting nurses' service, kindergarten, and English classes.

Today the needs of the immediate community are quite different and the direction of the program is changing accordingly. Three highlights are lifted out as illustrations.

At the invitation of public housing project officials an extension program was begun, resulting in the establishment of the Rainier Vista Center. About fifteen groups constitute the membership with interests varying from crafts to tumbling. Other housing projects are sending observers to learn how whole families can and must be served more effectively.

The Special Service Project, designed especially to meet the needs of hard-to-reach youth, has completed its demonstration period. Many of these youngsters were literally "picked up" off the streets by trained social workers. Some were referred by other agencies because their behavior was too aggressive and destructive to fit into the group work pattern. Troubled adolescents can only be helped through the intensive individual approach that the workers in this Special Service Project give.

The creative arts program for older adults is carried on jointly with the Council on Aging. This activity has proved satisfying to the participants not only because of the opportunity to express individual creativity but also because of the fellowship and leadership responsibilities involved. The two agencies sponsoring the program consider it to be most successful.

Wesley Community Center, Amarillo

Wesley Community Center in Amarillo, Texas, is now finishing its sixth year of operation in a small house on Roberts Street. On Thursdays the mothers come for sewing. So—that's the day the director tears her hair! Why? Because most Latin-American families are large and all the preschool children must come with Mama. Imagine twenty-five to thirty small fry in a room twelve by thirteen feet if you can! No wonder everyone looks forward with great anticipation to the time when building can start on an addition to the present small house.

The activity program includes groups for boys and girls; Scouting; sewing, quilting, and English classes for women; and a well-baby clinic. The size of the groups varies with the seasons, as many families leave Amarillo to work in the fields and orchards. The boys get much satisfaction out of woodworking and the girls thoroughly enjoy sewing and embroidery. Much of the leadership for these groups is furnished by volunteers.

Some time when members of a nearby Woman's Society would like to eat a really delicious Mexican luncheon, they should plan to visit Amarillo — making reservations in advance, of course. Three volunteer Latin Americans will come in and whip up a meal for sixty people and serve it with the profits going into the building fund. These are loving and lovable people—just folks—interested in a better way of life.

Sager-Brown Home and Godman School

The name *Bayou Teche* has a special sound of romance and adventure. For those who live at Sager-Brown Home in Baldwin, Louisiana, along the Bayou Teche, it has other qualities beside natural beauty. It is security, stability, Christian nurture—all of the things which mean home to 162 Negro children, a majority of whom are orphans.

Large white buildings on spacious grounds give an aspect of warmth and welcome to the child who needs a home where love and care can surround him. Classes from kindergarten through the eighth grade are held on the campus. Those in high school attend the public school.

Deaconess Rosie Ann Cobb has been the superintendent of the school since 1951. Thirteen teachers and staff members care for the educational and physical needs of the children. One of the primary emphases is the work plan. The neat buildings and grounds are the result of well organized student work. The school is accredited by the State Board of Education. Students and teachers alike serve in leadership capacities in religious and community affairs, and those who know it best feel Sager-Brown Home and Godman School gives a constant witness of Christian living and Christian education in action.

Browning Home and Mather Academy

Since 1890, Browning Home and Mather Academy, Camden, South Carolina, has been one of the national projects supported by Methodist women. The school gave what was known at that time as education at the academy level, roughly high school training. Gradually the curriculum was broadened to include more subjects. Homemaking and health education were emphasized as well as the traditional academic subjects. Today 206 students are enrolled in the high school and junior high.

The athletic program—football, basketball, and track—ranks high in the interest of the students, and intramural sports are strongly emphasized. Of equal importance is the fine choir which travels widely giving programs for various churches. The school is accredited by the state and indications are that within a short time accreditation will be given by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Faculty and staff comprise one of the most devoted groups found in any of our educational institutions. Through the years they and Superintendent E. L. Marsh have given unselfishly of their talents to the students of Mather Academy.

The threadbare physical aspects of the school are very real and apparent, but to one who spends even a short time on the campus the inner quality of spiritual morale emanating from the faculty and staff to the students is unmistakably felt. Certainly Methodist

women can be proud of the Christian environment and training given by this school.

Southwest Texas Rural Work

Miss Margaret Hight, the deaconess rural worker in Gonzales County, Texas, reports a number of new ideas tried in her area. The one described here is having a significant sequel.

A charge-wide laboratory school for kindergarten workers, financed as an experiment by the conference, was held in one of the churches. To demonstrate what could be done, the kindergarten room was made as nearly ideal as possible. The high-school son of one of the teachers sanded blocks and made a little bed (strong enough for a man to stand on and large enough for a small child to lie on) and other pieces of play equipment. During the school the laboratory teacher gave ideas on how to transform the kindergarten room in each of the other churches. Thoroughly planned months ahead, the school was such a success that another, this one for primary grades, was held later, financed by the participating churches.

The sequel is that the teachers who have had the benefit of this training have been invited to conduct a similar school in a church on another charge, where the rooms are unattractive and ill equipped. "Having known what it is to have poor teaching situations and little knowledge of teaching methods, and then having experienced the benefit of training and the use of well equipped rooms," writes Miss Hight, "our teachers are prepared and eager to share this training."

Belmont Kindergarten children in Japanese costumes for School of Missions program.

Students enjoy folk dancing at Sue Bennett College, London, Kentucky.

Sue Bennett College

For over sixty years Sue Bennett College in London, Kentucky, has been an educational beacon in the mountains of eastern Kentucky.

At present the college offers the regular two-year liberal arts college program leading to transfer to accredited four-year colleges and universities. Terminal college courses are offered, also, for those students who feel a two-year program is adequate for their needs. This latter area of curriculum includes courses in homemaking, business, and practical agriculture. The religious life of the campus is directed by a chaplain. Courses in Bible and weekly chapel attendance are required of each student.

The college campus functions as a center for community interests of varied nature. The music and drama departments give annual plays and concerts which are a highlight of the area. Folk dancing has special significance and the students and faculty participate regularly in the folk dance contests sponsored by the state.

The current year saw the inauguration of the new president, Earl F. Hays, who for many years had been academic dean. The present enrollment is over 250 and indications are that capacity enrollment will be reached within a few years.

Northern New York Rural Work

In the northern section of the Adirondack Mountains are twelve rural churches perched on hillsides, nestled in valleys, presenting pretty post-card pictures. More is needed, however, than pictures that can be captured by cameras. These churches must confront everyone with a vision of Christianity at work "in all of life" and provide leadership in making that vision a reality. This they must do despite problems varying from a high rate of unemployment to long, hard winters that find many families snowbound for days at a time.

Since the arrival in September of the rural worker, Miss Jeanette Goedeke, a deaconess, seven churches have had their first vacation church schools and three have new MYF's. Leadership training opportunities have been provided and weekday released time religious education programs carried on.

"If there was ever any question about the need for such a program," writes Miss Goedeke, "it was demonstrated recently. In one school I started by showing what I thought would be familiar pictures to encourage the little children to talk. The first was a scene of Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus in the stable. Not one child recognized it. When for the first

time they heard the story of the first Christmas their eyes shone with the wonder of it all."

Western North Carolina Rural Work

In the mountains of western North Carolina three young rural church and community workers are serving in various ways in more than thirty small churches. "In the Greater Mount Airy Parish," Miss Anita Benoy writes, "the churches have their own local programs, but come together for parish programs—the kind which would not be possible in the small local church because of lack of numbers and leadership."

Miss Martha Henson is finding Avery County a friendly one, where people work well together in spite of denominational differences. (The Methodist Church is in the minority.) The Methodists and Baptists cooperated in an annual revival in one community, the Methodists and Presbyterians in another. Three new Woman's Societies have been organized in recent months, and Miss Henson's aim is to help organize one in each of the fourteen churches in the county.

In Clay County Miss Laura Wells works through the Hinton Rural Life Center, where a Group Ministry serves nine churches. This new center provides leadership education for the whole area and an opportunity to study rural life at firsthand.

Miss Wells describes a Christmas program which a group of young people conducted in a prison as "one of the most worthwhile experiences of the past year, a new one for both the youth and the prisoners. The men were very attentive and a few timidly joined in the singing. As we were leaving one remarked: 'We've never had anything like this! We wish you'd come back.' We plan to do that."

David and Margaret Home

As the social welfare needs of southern California change, David and Margaret Home in La Verne, California, adjusts its program accordingly. Now the care of teenagers is urgent. At present the capacity of the home is seventy, and over forty of these are teenagers. No preschool children are in the home. The population is evenly divided between boys and girls. These children come from homes broken by divorce or sickness, or from homes where there has been difficulty in adjusting.

It is the desire of David and Margaret that life be as normal as possible for the child while he lives in the institution. All attend public school and are encouraged to participate in community activities just as the average child does. Many are in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and YMCA or clubs. Each child attends a church in the community and many are leaders in their MYF groups. Camping is a major part of the summer program.

The twenty-four full-time and part-time employees are employed on the basis of Christian character and special skill and knowledge in working with children. Each represents strength, warmth, and love to the child.

David and Margaret serves children of various racial and national backgrounds. They gain many practical experiences in how to live with people who think and look differently—lessons that all children must learn in our changing world. The basic purpose is to help youth become happy and useful adults.

Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home

Small-town living has its own particular charm as all who have ever lived in the Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home in Oakmont, Pennsylvania, will testify. The home has its own place in the life of the community, the Methodist church, and the schools.

Twenty-six children are in the Bradley Home family. Since October, 1955, the director has been Mrs. Martin R. Schell, who brought a new viewpoint and dedicated spirit to the task. An effective personal relationship with each child is considered the most important factor. Counseling with the parents and giving guidance is part of the job to be done.

Every morning at breakfast family worship is conducted by one of the older children or one of the staff. On Thursday evening a family council is held. Children often pray for the Bradley Home family as well as for their own families and loved ones. One of the sweetest prayers offered is, "Thank you, God, for the women who gave us this home."

Peek Home

Peek Home in Polo, Illinois, has made great strides in its services to children. Realizing that there were children in the home who could be better served in foster homes or who might be returned to their own homes, efforts have been made to develop a foster home placement program in addition to the residential care program. This program makes it possible for more people to receive the services that Peek Home has to offer through its well-trained staff. New buildings will soon be erected because of the generous giving of Methodist women through 1957 Week of Prayer offerings.

Household chores at Peek Home include setting tables and putting dishes in washer and sterilizer.

A World-minded Family

by

LOUISE WRIGHT

Everyone rejoiced when the 1954 Assembly offering (more than $100,000) was designated for a much-needed retirement home for missionaries and deaconesses. A five-acre site in Asheville, North Carolina, was secured in 1956. As a beginning, the home on the grounds was remodeled and furnished and on November 13, 1957, this first unit of the Brooks-Howell Home was dedicated.

While funds have been accumulating for the new building costs have been rising also, and the goal is not yet in sight. Now the Woman's Division of Christian Service has issued a call asking that when possible additional gifts be made and sent through the regular channels of finance as supplementary gifts for the Brooks-Howell Home before the end of this fiscal year, May 31, 1959.

CONVERSATION at the Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, North Carolina, is never dull. It is spiced with a knowledge of the world and its people gleaned from experience and observation plus an unflagging interest in current events at home and abroad. The five retired deaconesses and four retired missionaries who compose the Brooks-Howell family can cover a lot of territory in their talk. Their eyes light up with a wonderful gleam when they speak of their work in various parts of the world.

These nine women have served in many places throughout the United States and in India, Africa, Malaya, China, Japan, and Korea. Their vocations were varied: a nurse, teachers, pastor's assistant, housemothers, directors, social workers. Their service to The Methodist Church totals more than 270 years.

The director of the home, Miss Mabel Metzger, with forty-one years to her credit, has had the longest term of service. Before coming to Asheville, she was director of Robincroft Home for Retired Workers in Pasadena, California. There she had supervised the construction of so many buildings that she was selected especially to supervise the new $410,000 unit for Brooks-Howell Home. And it is hoped that funds will soon be available to begin this needed building.

Miss Addie B. Greeley was the first member of the family to arrive. Soon after the property was purchased, she was sent by the Woman's Division of Christian Service to be a liaison person—helping local committees coordinate plans to get the house ready for its occupants. Most of her service years were spent as a pastor's assistant in Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, and Texas. And she is continuing to be just that in her Asheville church home.

Miss Mollie Townsend, a native Tar Heel, served thirty-six years in mission work in the Far East, mostly in China with some service also in Japan and Korea. Now she loves to keep in touch with her former young people all over the world.

For Miss Edith Leighty the high-

Miss Jennie L. Ball, second from left, has charge of the 600-book library at Brooks-Howell Home. Choosing books are, left to right, Miss Stella Hess, Miss Mabel Metzger, director, and Miss Anna Mecum.

Ewart Ball Photos

light of her thirty-six service years was the year she spent as secretary to the beloved Miss Belle Bennett, first president of the former Woman's Missionary Council. A deaconess, Miss Leighty also worked in the cotton mill sections in the Southeast and in the Cookson Hill area of the Southwest.

Penang, Kaumtam, and Pahang may be strange sounding places to some, but not to Miss C. Lois Rea, for she was principal of Methodist schools in Malaya for twenty-five years. She also had periods of service in Panama and Florida.

A social worker, Miss Frances Howard helped to establish Bethlehem Homes in Richmond, Virginia, and Columbia, South Carolina. This deaconess also worked at the Wilson House in Richmond and at Wesley House in Atlanta, Georgia. Now she is a Red Cross Gray Lady serving one day a week as a volunteer at the Oteen Veterans' Hospital.

Twenty-eight years in educational work in the Delhi Conference, India, is the record for Miss Jennie L. Ball. She was principal of a school ranging from first grade through the eighth. Now the library at the Brooks-Howell Home is one of her chief interests. She catalogued the 600 books given to the home.

Africa is in the news today and Miss Stella A. Hess reads about the events and developments with avid interest. She spent most of her nineteen years of service in Rhodesia. At first she was director of Fairfield Girls' School in Old Umtali and then housemother in a hostel.

All this rich background is the reason for the lively, informal conversation. Not only do these retired workers share their experiences with each other, but also with many outside the home. They accept every opportunity for speaking engagements in churches all over Asheville District.

Hobbies and activities vary though all members of the family find pleasure in reading. Some love to garden and others to feed the birds. They make church calls. All have found places of service in the church and community. And very wisely they do not all go to the same church. In that way their interests are widened and the circle of friends is larger. When Sunday comes each is in her accustomed place, worshiping in the church of her choice.

The Brooks-Howell family proves that retirement for missionaries and deaconesses does not mean a shawl and a rocking chair. It is merely an adjusted routine in a new appointment and environment.

Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver

Clark College Ninetieth Anniversary

honorary degree awarded

by

IONA S. HENRY

NINETY years of educational leadership as a church-related college serving the Negro race—this is the historic achievement of Clark College, Atlanta, Georgia. An extensive program during the week of February 22, 1959, appropriately commemorated these ninety years of service and auspiciously launched a ten-year program for the expansion of Clark College which will culminate in the centennial celebration of that school. Clark College is in the Atlanta University group and was one of two Methodist Negro colleges to be admitted into full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the time of their reappraisal of Negro colleges.

An outstanding item of the week was the service of dedication of the new men's dormitory, James P. Brawley Hall, named for the president of the college. Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, resident bishop of the Atlantic Coast Area, presided and gave the address.

The climax to the anniversary week was the conferring of four honorary degrees. Dr. Harold C. Case, President of Boston University, gave the address on this occasion and the following were awarded degrees: Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, Litt.D.; Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver, HH.D.; Dr. Goodrich C. White, L.H.D.; and Dr. M. LaFayette Harris, LL.D. Clark College has been very conservative in its policy of conferring honorary degrees and this is only the second time in thirty-five years that it has awarded such honors.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service is understandably proud that Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver was one of the honorees. Her name is familiar to Methodist women over the country for her devoted leadership in the former Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Mrs. Rodeheaver was recording secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society at the time of unification and was recording secretary of the Woman's Division 1948-1952 and chairman of the Department of Work in Home Fields 1952-1956. She was chairman of the Committee on Literature and Publications during the first quadrennium and served on that committee until 1956. This recognition is well earned and is especially meritorious for she is the first woman to have been given an honorary degree by Clark College.

World Federation of Methodist Women

news letter excerpts

From Belgian Congo

"MAMA, these days I have been hearing about you going out to the villages to meet with the women, but you have never come to my village! Won't you please come?"

These words were spoken by Mama Udinga Marie, wife of a faithful African pastor in the out-village of Luseli. They were addressed to Mrs. Joe Davis, who at that time was in charge of woman's district work at Katako Kombe.

Mrs. Davis promised Mama Udinga that she would try to come, but the days passed without a chance to keep the promise.

Mama Udinga came again, pleading for Mrs. Davis to visit Luseli, to meet "with my people." And again Mrs. Davis promised.

A week before it was time for the World Day of Prayer services in February, 1958, she sent word to Mama Udinga that she and a group of women from the Woman's Society at Katako Kombe would arrive the following week.

The World Day of Prayer service was to be on Friday. Mama Udinga made the announcement: Mama Etshoko (that is, Mrs. Davis) and the others were coming at long last. The gifts of rice, bananas, or whatever, were to be ready.

Those were the last words that Mama Udinga Marie spoke in her church, for two hours later she was dead of a heart attack. She left seven children, one of them a baby of three months.

When a bicycle man brought the sad news to Mrs. Davis at Katako Kombe, she thought at first she would not try to have services at Luseli. But then she told herself: "No, I promised Mama Udinga I would meet with her women, and that promise is going to be fulfilled."

So the next day, as scheduled, she and six African women went out to the bereaved village of Luseli for the World Day of Prayer services. As soon as the people heard the pickup truck coming along the road, they started running and clapping their hands in greeting. There wasn't enough room for everyone in the church; many stood on the outside.

The spirit of the Lord was surely there that day. When it was time for the offerings, the people of Luseli remembered Mama Udinga's last words. The altar was lined with basket after basket of rice, big ripe bananas, juicy pineapples, eggs, and—the biggest gift of all—a goat that was expecting a baby in the not too distant future. This alone was worth ten dollars.

In other villages that day the largest World Day of Prayer offering was two dollars. But at Luseli, where a humble and devoted follower of Christ had died, the offering totaled over sixteen dollars. And all of us who were there felt that Mama Udinga was smiling down upon us—happy that Mama Etshoko had, at long last, fulfilled her promise. We were happy, too, that her village had given sacrificially—and for Christ's sake.

TELESIA SHAUMBA

Methodist Mission,
Central Congo
Katako Kombe,
Belgian Congo

From Cuba

Methodist work in Cuba began in the last years of the nineteenth century, only a few years before the country became politically independent in 1902. The missionaries brought spiritual freedom.

As usual, Methodist women began their work early in the history of the mission. They helped in the local church and they established educational institutions.

The work of the women has been growing ever since. Actually, there are fifty-eight local Societies in this conference, with a total membership of 1,500. We meet once a year, with delegates from all local Societies meeting together, worshiping together, making plans together.

The conference is divided into six districts, and each one meets annually. They study the program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and plan the work.

We in Cuba are a part of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. We make our pledge every year. We send an offering for the mission work in Africa. We have honorary members, too. We make special offerings, such as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial and the national Week of Prayer. This offering is used to meet some of the pressing needs of our church in Cuba, to help in buildings and furnishings, or to buy materials or medicines for rural clinics.

We have our own Cuban home missionaries, supported in full by the women of the conference. These Cuban missionaries are well trained in our theological seminary at Matanzas. We have assumed the responsibility for their salaries, raising the funds through the various means women use everywhere. We prefer to have these girls go into the rural areas where the needs are great.

We have no magazine, but we use one or two pages of our conference paper, *El Evangelista Cubano.*

We certainly have made progress, but there is much left to be done. We need your prayers, because our task is hard.

MRS. CLARA DE FUSTER

From Sarawak

In this part of the world the World Federation of Methodist Women now has forty-four auxiliaries in the conference, about 1,200 members, but not all active. This past year about $1,000 has come into the central treasury, but about as much has been spent locally.

The contributions are used for missionary work among the Dyaks, for helping poor students in our hostel, and for giving financial aid to the orphanage. I often wonder if our Societies will ever be as strong and the women as effective as those in the United States.

Our greatest need is leadership. There are so few educated women in the country places. Most of them have come from China through the years, and they have had few educational opportunities. We do take time to train them each year for a few days, but they have a long way to go.

The Dyak women have too many children, the average being about eight to a family. Before the younger children grow up, the grandchildren have arrived, so there is no end of caring for babies.

Not long ago I visited a very devoted member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In her family were seven children below the age of five. They belonged to her and her daughter-in-law. When she tried to leave, they all followed her screaming. Plainly some family planning is needed.

Then, of course, most of our women cut rubber. They get up at three o'clock in the morning, are in the rubber forest until ten or eleven, and come home to cook dinner. Then they start washing clothes for about ten people. In Sarawak, every day is wash day.

I have been appointed promotion secretary. I surely need your prayers.

MARTHA A. GRAF
Sarikei, Sarawak

The motto of the World Federation of Methodist Women is "To Know Christ and Make Him Known." Not only are we responsible for sending deaconesses and missionaries, but also we have a responsibility to become witnesses ourselves, and seek to know Christ better. We need to help create in our own Society a spiritual atmosphere, so that every meeting —whether a small committee or a large program meeting—will be blessed with Christ's Spirit in our midst.

Shall we pray for each other and for the millions around the world that we may be true leaven as Jesus described in Matthew 13:33. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened."

MRS. T. OTTO NALL, *Chairman*,
Standing Committee of World Federation of Methodist Women

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND GOOD WILL

by the Unit in Liberia

O GOD, the source of all wisdom, the creator and sustainer of all life, the fount of all love and goodness, we thank Thee for all Thy benefits to us; for the dignity that Thou hast accorded us in being made in Thine image; for the ideal of human brotherhood which came to us in Jesus Christ, Thy Son; for the growing conviction among men that the peoples of the world must find a way to eliminate warfare and to live together in peace and harmony.

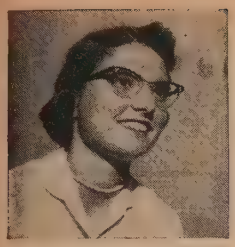
We pray for the nations of the earth, their rulers and those who have the responsibility for government. May they have an increasing faith in the possibility of peace through justice. Grant that the common people of all the nations may seek to understand and love the peoples of all other countries, and come to think of them as children of our one Heavenly Father.

Bless the women of the world, who are the mothers and wives and loved ones of the men who control the affairs of mankind. Give them vision, the wisdom, and the spirit of good will which will enable them to make their contribution to the building of a new and better world. Bless the World Federation of Methodist Women and all other agencies that are dedicated to the building of a warless world.

We ask it all in Jesus' name, and for His sake. Amen.

Members of the Woman's Society going to a meeting in Liberia.

Toge Fujihira



Miss Carolyn M. Langille

letter from ALGERIA

Dear Friends:

It is hard to believe that I have been at work in Algeria for just two months. Yes, I'm a "short-term" missionary to North Africa. Thus I'm known as an A-3. I had three months in Paris for language study since in my work I must use the French, Arabic, or Kabyle languages.

The time in Paris was spent in classes, with my tutor, with the many missionaries of all denominations who are studying French in Paris, and just walking around and visiting places so that I could find out what French life is really like. The trains and subways of any place show the people as they are—and I thought that New York was crowded!

Now that I am in Algiers, I want to tell you about it. First I'll tell you that I took an all-day train from Paris to Marseilles. I saw the countryside, but through rain clouds. However, just as we were entering Marseilles, the sky cleared and a beautiful sunset against the mountains made me feel happy in the presence of this sign of God's power. I was about to begin my life as a missionary with people whom I didn't even know, yet suddenly my fears were gone.

I took the *Kairouan* (boat) from Marseilles to Algiers. Before my first day in Algiers was over, I had unpacked, attended the teen-age girls' class in our social center, taken the bus to the city, and been greeted by almost all of the Methodist missionaries in Algeria—plus receiving an invitation to Constantine, Algeria, for Christmas in the Methodist Girls' Home.

What do I do here? Mostly I'm watching, listening, and studying. When we use the car I drive our Dauphine. Our house is called Villa Elizabeth, and I live with a French nurse-missionary, Miss Laura Chevrin. We speak only in French even though Miss Chevrin speaks English, Kabyle, and Arabic well. We work especially with the many Kabyle refugees who have settled in and near Algiers to avoid the fighting around their villages. They are Muslim by religion and way of life, just as the Arabs who were already in the city. This Muslim religion, known as Islam, is something about which I have a lot to learn.

Do you ever wonder how missionaries get into people's homes or how they put Christ into the conversation? Last Saturday morning we ate breakfast and talked about the day's work. We clean house on Saturday as you do at home. A Kabyle woman comes to help, so together we get the job done in record time. As she was leaving, she said that her married daughter was sick. Could we take her to the doctor? Miss Chevrin said, "Surely." We got to the doctor's office early only to find that we had to wait and wait. Then we got the prescription filled, and took her home.

She was sick, but insisted that we have a cup of coffee. Then I knew that Miss Chevrin would take out her Kabyle Bible and read and explain a passage. The five women present sat on the floor to hear the Word of God. Their interest made Miss Chevrin explain more than she often does. I followed along in my French Testament and elaborated in my own mind on the text.

We not only visit in the homes, but have classes, too. Mondays, some teen-age girls come to our one large room social center. They are learning about the prayers of the Old Testament people. I'm glad Miss Chevrin teaches that class; I couldn't do much but stumble around in French with a subject about which I have a lot to learn. After the class we learn how to make Arabic lace, but I'm knitting a good heavy wool sweater.

Who said the Mediterranean climate had no winter! It is colder than New England, but without ice or snow; it is the humidity that causes the trouble. When the sun gets through the rain clouds, it is warmer than the June sun in New England. Unfortunately we have no sunshine at night or early morning.

Sunday afternoons, and Thursday mornings and afternoons, we have Sunday school for younger girls. They come from all around, hoping we will open the gate early so that they can play in our playground. You have to really know people before you can speak to them about Jesus Christ. Playing together not only shows them how Christians play fair and do not lie, but also it gives me a chance to know the girls without the formal background of the classroom and without the language barrier so predominant. The Bible lesson is taught in Kabyle, Arabic, or French. Handwork follows the class session.

This country—its people and what they do—makes me think of the days of Christ. If you take any picture that is supposed to show the life in Palestine as it was during the time of Christ—the people, the countryside, and the daily actions—you will see Algeria. But remember that one tenth of the people are Europeans. Thus one finds a mixture of two ways of life in the large cities like Algiers.

Sincerely yours,
CAROLYN LANGILLE

department of CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Dear Friends:

Many of you will be starting, June 1, your new responsibility as Secretary or Chairman (Wesleyan Service Guild) of Christian Social Relations. Many already will have attended your Officers' Training Day. And, of course, you will have the file of materials from your predecessor which includes the *Handbook* and other materials! You will have THE METHODIST WOMAN, especially the *May issue* with the Officers' Letter File and the special suggestions on the Christian Social Relations pages. The *March issue* presents important recommendations for the year's program.

If you have not already planned for it, why not find out at once when your Conference School of Missions will be held and send in your registration to attend? There are two very important reasons why you should go—your conference and district Secretaries of Christian Social Relations will be there, and all of you together can work on special plans for the year ahead. Clinics are conducted for each line of work and this 1959 Summer School Clinic is even more important than usual.

Possibly as you plan with your committee you may feel that some of the issues and needs listed in your *Activities for 1959-60* or on the pages 18-21 of the March issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN have special pertinence for your own church and community. In some places your summer schedule for the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild may vary from the usual pattern. There are, however, certain important matters that call for continuity. You and your committee may wish to give greatly needed leadership at these points during the summer months:

1. Keep up with what Congress is doing. Note especially the issues listed on the pages of THE METHODIST WOMAN for March.

Some of you participated last year in a sample TV monitoring project. The information secured was so helpful that it was decided to continue the project for another year. Plans will be made at summer schools, through jurisdiction and conference Secretaries of Christian Social Relations. Perhaps you would like to tell your district secretary that your Society would like to volunteer for the project when plans have been completed.

The purpose of this TV monitoring is to arouse Methodist women to what TV is saying today; to assess and evaluate programs; and to stimulate action for more balanced program structure on our TV channels.

There will be three types of viewing projects:

(1) Four local Societies in each district will be selected for general monitoring.

(2) One local Society in each conference will be selected to look at programs of three types:

(a) a family situation such as *Father Knows Best*

(b) a dramatic feature such as *Playhouse 90* or *Hallmark Theatre*

(c) a straight news program such as *Meet the Press*

The members doing the evaluation would view all three programs, preferably as a listening group.

(3) Four Societies in each jurisdiction will be selected to do a careful seven-day sampling of TV programs after reading *Hidden Persuaders* by Vance Packard.

Since group listening will be a feature in some of the monitoring projects, you may want to turn to the Christian Social Relations pages of the May issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN for an explanation of how these groups are conducted.

Study them! Your radio, TV, newspaper, and magazines will keep you up to date, but your good judgment will be needed in decisions that call for the voters in your church and community to contact their Representatives and Senators on pending issues. (See pages 23-26 of your *Handbook on Christian Social Relations,* price 35 cents, and also your new *Register Christian Opinion,* price 10 cents—both from Literature Headquarters.)

2. A "circulating" library of resources related to pending issues will be useful as you alert the membership of your Woman's Society or Guild to timely action. Suggested resources are found on the pages of THE METHODIST WOMAN and the *Handbook* and in some of the periodicals which probably come to your desk.

3. The summer months may well provide the best time to make your plans for the fall months. Sometimes a new look at the bylaws defining the responsibility of the Secretary of Christian Social Relations and her committee will help guide the committee as it works.

4. You will want to give special attention to the following pages about U. N. seminars for local women. Possibly someone from your own local church may wish to register for the seminar which will be held in the fall of 1959.

5. The box on this page offers a handle for persons in your church and community to use effectively as TV programs are evaluated.

Our task is unlimited and the needs are urgent! God grant us strength and courage for this crucial hour!

Sincerely yours,
THELMA STEVENS
MARGARET R. BENDER
THERESSA HOOVER

Group from South Carolina Conference Woman's Society on a United Nations Seminar.

A Methodist Woman Goes to the UNITED NATIONS

These pages are extracts from the diary of a fictitious Methodist woman who accepted the challenge of a local woman's U.N. Seminar.

June 1—I just got the most surprising letter from my sister, Dorothy. She says, "Since you were so interested in my trip to to the U.N. last fall, I am sending you two things—a picture of our own South Carolina group at the U.N. and a notice about a seminar for local women that the Woman's Division is holding next fall. You were so envious because we had a big enough group from our conference to go together, but here is a way you could fit into one that is already organized and I bet you'd have a wonderful time! The same people who planned the seminar for our group would be planning this one and you'd have the same experience. Martha, once you sit in on a U.N. session and see the buildings and meet members of the Secretariat—well, you'll just never be the same again!"

Dear diary, should I go? It really sounds tempting. The children are certainly old enough to be left for a week and I know John's mother is just dying to come here and cook for a family again. Then there is the study book on the U.N. for the Woman's Society this year. I'd really be an asset after a trip like that! This certainly calls for a little consultation and consideration.

June 3—The family is enthusiastic. Mary says I can bring her a lot of "stuff" for the annual U.N. essay contest and John's mother says she'd just love to save that week for us. Even the twins were excited about it. I was really surprised to see how interested and sort of proud John was. Long after we'd stopped discussing it he looked up from his paper and said, apropos of absolutely nothing, "I bet you'll be the first woman from this town to go to the U.N. How about that!" I talked about it at the circle meeting yesterday, too, and everyone was very enthusiastic. I'm going to write to the Department of Christian Social Relations at 150 Fifth Avenue in New York City and get all the information.

July 15—Just home from conference summer school and now I'm really beginning to plan for my U.N.—Washington Seminar. The conference secretary is going to find out whether anyone else is going from anywhere near here, but, some way, now it doesn't seem to matter so much. The program in New York and Washington is all worked out for us with even a show, sightseeing tours in both cities, and most of our meals planned for—some of them in foreign restaurants. I'll never have a chance to see things in an easier way.

September 28—I was too excited and tired and full of talk last night to write anything in my diary. I'm rooming with a lovely woman from Oregon. At first we both felt pretty far away from home and when we talked Sunday night about half the time it was of our families. Tonight, however, we both began to laugh after we'd

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We meet by the statue of Zeus.

turned out the light for we'd just realized that we'd been too full of ourselves and our impressions to even mention families. Not that we don't miss them, but after all, they are well taken care of and they wouldn't want us to spend this precious time in New York worrying about them.

I can hardly believe the things that have happened to me since I've been here. I've been to vespers at Christ Church and actually heard Dr. Ralph Sockman in person—he's even more wonderful in the flesh than he is over radio and television. And I've been to the U.N.! It's so much more impressive than I expected—and yet it's so much more human. I could stand in the main lobby of the U.N. for days and just watch the streams of people that come and go. It got to be a great joke that every time we had a break in the program we met back at the statue of Zeus in the lobby.

I don't begrudge a moment I stood waiting at Zeus because of the constant parade of events. Every kind of group was visiting the U.N. that day, from New York school children to a group of distinguished scientists with special arrangements to meet someone from the Secretariat who is concerned with hazards of radiation. It's inspiring to see how many people come to the U.N. either singly or in groups.

We took a guided tour and our guide was a young woman from India. I'd have been fascinated by her charm (and let's confess the truth—her beautiful sari!) even if she hadn't known anything about the U.N. but she certainly did. I can't imagine how she learned so much because she said she had only been working there three weeks. She not only showed us the rooms and council chambers, but also told what goes on in each of them and the significant way that work reaches out across the world.

We saw such beautiful things, statues and tapestries and murals, but none was as beautiful as the concept of the U.N. as a place where we all work together for the common good of the world. Before this seminar is finished I want to find my place in that common endeavor!

I pinched myself to be sure that it was really I who ate lunch in the delegates' dining room. Our group was one of the few that was able to get a table where we looked out across the U.N. rose garden down below to the busy East River full of tugs and pleasure boats. Our waitress, who was gracious about explaining the foreign special of the day, told us

I looked across the busy East River.

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the Secretary-General likes to sit at this table. And that later on he would be bringing a party of four to eat there. Just think, I sat where perhaps important world business will be transacted.

The real climax of the day came when we went into the General Assembly. I blessed the neighborliness of people at home who insisted on lending me things they thought I might enjoy. The opera glasses permitted me to bring every delegate up to practically speaking distance. I was so glad that we heard several delegates from small nations speak. One of them was from Ghana and that really fascinated me. Think what it means to see countries that were colonies only a short time ago taking their places in the U.N. affairs with just as much poise and judgment as the older nations!

Some of the women worried about eating in foreign restaurants. I looked forward to it. When the food was served everybody was enthusiastic. I got a menu for a souvenir and also one from the delegates' dining room. It was fun to have our theater tickets bought ahead and to go in a body. I could write a lot more if only I could keep my eyes open, but I can't.

September 30—Today we've had a real tour of the city—saw the skyline on the way back from Brooklyn, had lunch in Chinatown, sat in on a U.N. committee, and saw the show at the Radio City Music Hall. It's hard to pick out the best part of a varied experience like that, but I'm sure it was the U.N. committee. I'd never known that the U.N. General Assembly assigns the items on its agenda to its various committees. These committees work on the item assigned to them until they are ready to bring a suggested action. Each time a committee has finished an item the plenary session of the General Assembly is reconvened to take up the matter. Since there are five delegates and five alternates from each country, one or more representatives have sat in the committee which considered the item now being brought before the plenary session. This means that each nation has expressed its opinion and little debate is necessary before the whole Assembly.

As we sat in the committee room (which happened to be the Trusteeship Council in this case) waiting for the delegates to come in, I thought of all the things that had come before this committee. Today we were fortunate to hear petitioners from one of the dependent countries. I never realized how many ways the U.N. expresses a sort of universal democracy. I still can hardly believe that I have seen and heard tribesmen from a territory that I had never heard of, bringing their problems before the nations of the world!

September 30—We've just unpacked again, this time in our Washington hotel, but I have to put down a word about the panel we heard this morning of U.N. observers from national organizations. I knew vaguely that we had a U.N. observer for Methodist women, but I never thought of other organizations doing the same thing.

I've got the most wonderful plan for getting all the organizations in our town who have U.N. observers on their national staffs to form a U.N. Council! I'm so full of ideas that I don't know whether I can hold any more. But we've got two more days to see Washington, listen to a panel of church people who work at observing the Washington scene for their denominations, and to go to a briefing at the State Department.

The Japanese Peace Bell symbolized something important.

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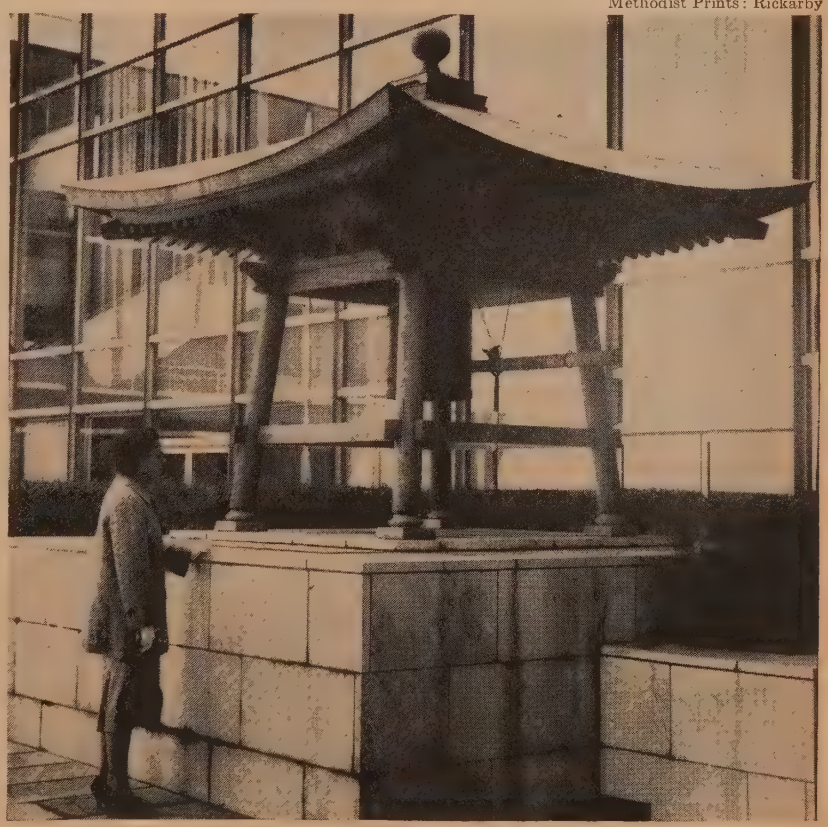


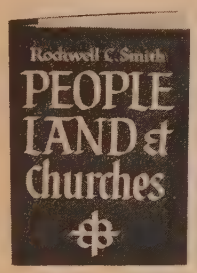
"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest"...John 4:35

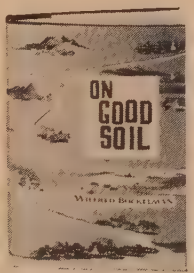
"The entrance of thy words giveth light"...Psalms 119:130

THE CHURCH'S MISSION IN TOWN AND COUNTRY

Windows of Light

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE





Text: *People, Land, and Churches,* by Rockwell C. Smith. Cloth, $2.95. Paper, $1.50.

Supplementary Book: *On Good Soil,* by Wilfred Bockelman. Cloth, $2.95. Paper, $1.50.

Guide: *Adult Guide on "The Church's Mission in Town and Country,"* by Richard Belcher. Paper, 50 cents.

Other Supplementary Books:

Church Bells in Many Tongues, by Ralph A. Felton. Paper, $1.50.

Windbreaks, by J. Martin Bailey. Cloth, $2.95. Paper, $1.50.

Drama:

Acres to Cross, by Helen Kromer. 50 cents.

More Playettes, short dramatizations that lift up problems faced by town and country communities. 50 cents.

Beyond Good Friday. 2 women, 2 men, 1 child. 50 cents.

Audio-Visual Materials:

Make All Things New,[1] twenty-seven minute film in black and white. Rental, $6.00.

None Goes His Way Alone,[1] 16 mm, thirty minutes. Rental, Color, $9.00; Black and White, $6.00.

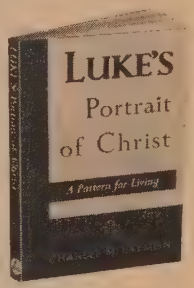
The Harvest,[1] 16 mm, thirty minutes. Rental, Black and White, $6.00.

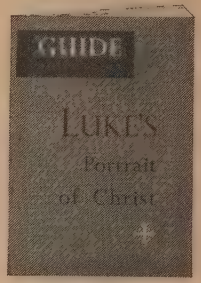
This Sustaining Bread,[1] filmstrip. Color, reading script, $5.00.

Pamphlets and Leaflets:

Commissioned to Serve, 50 cents.

The Challenge of Home Missions, 50 cents.





Text: *Luke's Portrait of Christ,* by Charles M. Laymon. 75 cents.

Guide: *Guide to "Luke's Portrait of Christ,"* by Daisy Dozier. 35 cents.

Supplementary Books:

The Life and Teachings of Jesus,[1] by Charles M. Laymon. $3.00.

Twelve Baskets Full, "The Gospel According to 31 Women," by Margaret T. Applegarth. $3.00.

Drama:

The Choice, by Jane Stewart. Playlet showing how Luke's Portrait of Christ, with its emphasis on Christ's reliance on the Scriptures, helps solve the dilemma of a modern Christian. 25 cents.

"Th... way ma... upon ear... health am...
...Psalm...

MEDICAL MISSION

Text: *The Church and M...* Harold Brewster. 7...

Guide: *A Guide on Med...* 15 cents.

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[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

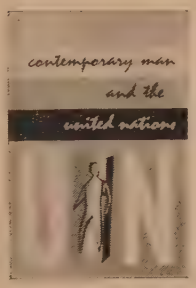
[2] Order from Office of Visual Education, Room 840, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

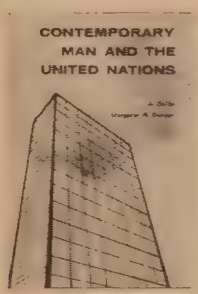
"And many nations shall be joined...in that day, and shall be my people"... Zechariah 2:11

"...ye shall be witnesses unto me...unto the uttermost part of the earth"... Acts 1:8

The 1959-60 Studies

THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN WORLD AFFAIRS





Text: *Contemporary Man and the United Nations.* Compiled by Dorothy McConnell. 75 cents.

Guide: *Guide on "Contemporary Man and the United Nations,"* by Margaret Bender. 35 cents.

Audio Visual Materials:

We the People of the United Nations.[2] Filmstrip with reading script. Color, $4.00.

Three of Our Children.[1] Film of UNICEF at work in Greece, Nigeria, and the Philippines. Thirty minutes. Black and White. Rental, daily, $4.50; weekly, $9.00.

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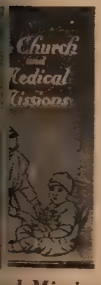

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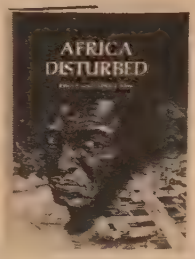
AFRICA



Text: *The Way in Africa,* by George Wayland Carpenter. Cloth, $2.95. Paper, $1.50.

Supplementary Book: *Africa Disturbed,* by Emory and Myrta Ross. Cloth, $3.50. Paper, $1.95.

Guide: *Adult Guide on "Africa,"* by Edwin F. Tewksbury. 50 cents.

Other Supplementary Books:

The Halting Kingdom, by John and Rena Karefa-Smart. Paper, $1.00.

African Heritage, by Emory Ross. Cloth, $2.00. Paper, $1.25.

This is Africa South of the Sahara, by Newell Booth. 75 cents.

The Ghana Assembly of the International Missionary Council. Edited by Ronald K. Orchard. Cloth, $3.25.

Drama:

Cry, the Beloved Country, a verse drama, by Felicis Komai. Recommended for mature groups. Permission for production necessary. Cloth, $1.50. Paper, 75 cents.

Edge of the Village, by Margaret Jump and Edith Agnew. Small cast. 50 cents.

Audio-Visual Materials:

New Faces of Africa.[1] Twenty-nine minutes. Rental, Color, $12.00; Black and White, $8.00.

Congo Journey.[1] Film showing Methodist Missions in the Belgian Congo. Thirty minutes. Rental, Color, $10.00; Black and White, $6.00.

Albert Schweitzer.[1] Color filmstrip, 50 frames. Narration on 33⅓ rpm record. Sale with script, $6.00; with record, $9.00.

Pamphlets:

Comes the Dawn, Work of The Methodist Church in Africa South of the Sahara, by Eunice Dodge. 65 cents.

ORGANIZATION and PROMOTION

DORCAS HALL, *Executive Secretary of the Section of Education and Cultivation*
HELEN L. JOHNSON, *Secretary of Promotion*

ORGANIZED FOR SERVICE

THE women of Methodism are organized for service: service which is centered in the local church but which reaches out in widening waves around the world.

This service is carried on through the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Whatever the size of church, there is a place for a Woman's Society of Christian Service and/or a Wesleyan Service Guild—not just because there should be an organization, but because there is a need for the clear channels these organizations provide for women to serve.

Women today need a high purpose, and what purpose could be higher than the one provided by The Methodist Church in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild?

The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be to:

—unite all the women of the church in Christian living and service;

—help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world;

—develop the spiritual life;

—study the needs of the world;

—take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community, and world conditions.

To this end this organization shall seek to:

—enlist women, young people, and children in this Christian fellowship;

—secure funds for the activities in the local church and support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a world Christian community.

It has been noted that the total program of the local church is enriched when the women are united in Christian living and service. Women bring the service of their hands and minds and spirits. They serve as women not separated into different areas but united for a large program in the church, the community, and the world. Also, this service extends outside the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service into the whole program of the church—not as a group "running" the church but as dedicated women involved in Christian service.

The program of the Woman's Society and the Guild is adaptable to large city churches as well as to small circuit churches. There are Societies so large that, to accomplish their work, many circles are necessary. There are other Societies made up of women from several churches on a circuit. And yet the purpose and the program is built around each woman's devotion and her desire to do effective work.

One of the relationships of value in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild is the relationship of the women, the pastor, and the district superintendent. All work together in various phases of the total church program. Pastors find consecrated women ready to work with them in the program of the church. Women find the pastors understanding and cooperative in planning the program of the Society. Where there is a real and sympathetic understanding of the purpose, the pastor and the women enhance the total program of both the church and the Woman's Society.

There are over 31,000 Societies across the United States which are already organized for service. Every year new churches are being built; and, as each is started, a Woman's Society of Christian Service and/or a Wesleyan Service Guild are in the initial plan. A church without a Woman's Society should be a challenge to the neighboring Woman's Society and the district officers to approach the pastor and the district superintendent. The church which does not know the value of an organization like the Woman's Society and the Guild should look at the churches where such organizations have been built up and talk to pastors and district superintendents about what can be done.

And women should remember that the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild are *organized for service*. The purpose is real. It must be recognized. Members should never lose sight of the purpose. When a Woman's Society or Guild is "run" by a small group who will not relinquish office or program to others, then they lose sight of the purpose. When the women do not know that the minister is a member of the executive committee, or do not keep him in the close relationship that is implied in the purpose of the Woman's Society, then the women cannot perform the service for which they have been organized.

One of the outstanding ideas which should be apparent in every Woman's Society and Guild is that it is made up of a group of women organized for service.—H. D. H.

My World Bank

Skit given at Baltimore West District Meeting

SCENE: An office, comfortably arranged with table or desk, chair, typewriter, papers, etc. The person known as *A* in the following script is in the office and apparently busy. Enter person known as *B*. Use real names to fit your situation.

A: Good morning! I've recently become one of those part-time outside-the-home workers and have earned so much money I don't know how to spend it. We have what we need and all our bills are paid. The girl in the outer office said you might help me with ideas for investing my money.

B: Yes, I think I may be able to give some suggestions. Just what seems to be your problem?

A: I had considered purchasing one of the 1959 Cadillacs. They're out of this world, you know; or perhaps a mink stole. All my friends have one and then I saw a real dreamy hat at the new shopping center.

B: Aren't you thinking too much of outward appearance? I'd like to tell you of a plan in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. You are a member, aren't you? (A *nods at this*) This is a plan of investment in the whole world. We call it My World Bank—investing in the future.

A: I have heard something about it, but didn't pay too much attention. What do you mean, invest in the future?

B: I have here on my desk a World Bank which I've prepared to show one of our clients today. I think you will be interested. Did you know that if you place just thirty-two cents in this World Bank, it will support the work of the Woman's Division in thirty-two countries around the world for one second of time?

A: Thirty-two cents! That's about what I tip my hairdresser. I guess I could do my own hair once and give that much. Do you think I would look alright though?

B: I think so. After all, a good many of us do our own hair. As I've said before, you are thinking too much of outward appearance. One thought which inspires us to fill this bank is the phrase, "Lift Thou Thy World." These are the words printed on My World Bank. Think of the joy you will receive as you become interested in placing your money where it will do the most good for the most people for the longest period of time. You understand my suggestion for investing in the future?

A: How would the money be used if I were to invest?

B: We have more than one thousand projects which we as members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service support—educational, medical, social, and evangelistic—meeting every area of human need in thirty-two countries around the world. It is exciting to realize that the sun never sets on the work of the Woman's Division.

A: Actually, how is the money used in these projects?

(B *takes out a large World Bank, which can be made by pasting World Bank place-mats on a large carton and lettering strips of poster board or paper with the following words: Salaries, Equipment, Buildings, Repairs, Hope. As* B *takes these out of the bank in the order named, she says;* "If you place your money in this World Bank, this is what comes out." *She comments on each as she takes them out.)* *

B (finally taking out Hope): And most important is Christ's message of hope as He came "to preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." (Luke 4:18)

A (thoughtfully): Thirty-two cents, thirty-two countries. Oh, do I multiply, add, or *(a pause)* how much would I give if I gave enough for thirty-two seconds?

B (figuring): $10.24 *(*B *opens a chart and shows the following figures, making necessary comments.)*

MY WORLD BANK

$.32—1 second

$.64—2 seconds

$.96—3 seconds

$4.80—15 seconds

$9.60—30 seconds

$19.20—1 minute

$96.00—5 minutes

$192.00—10 minutes

A: This is, of course, over and above regular giving?

B: Oh yes!

A: It seems such an interesting method of investment, how can I help my friends in our Society carry out this plan?

B (takes a little sheet and a World Bank): On this sheet which comes with each bank are several suggestions. Each member may decide what contribution she would like to make. Thirty-two cents even for one second multiplied by 1,800,000 members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service! Look

* Sources of information to use in preparing appropriate comments include: *19th Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service,* THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, and leaflets.

what that could do, not only in dollars and cents but in changed lives. We never hear a missionary or deaconess speak, or participate in a study course, that we don't hear how those reached by the missionary in turn want to tell family, friends, the entire village about Jesus' Way of Life. Why don't you take these (B *picks up some World Banks and yellow sheets and offers to* A) with you, share them with your Society and, when you invest, get your friends to invest also.

A: Then in our small Society of fifteen members, if each gave only one second, we would be able to add $4.80 to our district pledge, wouldn't we? It sounds wonderful and so easy, too!

Note: A bank and this explanatory statement are available for every member. Order them from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. They are free for postage. Postage rates: 25 of each, 20 cents; 50 of each, 40 cents; 100 of each, 60 cents.

Promotional Method

How do you make use of THE METHODIST WOMAN to promote the work? Mrs. Thomas Hollis, Secretary of Promotion for the North Avenue Woman's Society of Christian Service in Baltimore, Maryland, had page 23 of the December, 1957, issue reprinted on colored paper with an added festive design. She sent a copy of this colorful reprint to each member of the Woman's Society as a Christmas greeting last year. Comments were many and varied, such as:

"The nicest Christmas card I received."

"Gave me a new outlook as I began preparation for Christmas."

"Helped me put Christmas plans in a new perspective."

"Made the goals very real to me."

"Gave added meaning to Christmas."

Calendar of Activities

Mail all reports to district secretaries by June 1.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Meet with the Committee on Program and begin plans for the total program of the Woman's Society for the year, including: (1) Monthly programs, using the *Program Book* and *Worship Booklet,* "There's a Light Upon the Mountains." (2) Circle programs in consultation with circle program chairmen. (3) Study classes. (4) Special days. Present program "A New Ambassador for Christ—the Tourist."

TREASURER: Present recommendations from Committee on Finance on methods to secure funds for total budget. Call attention to the "Progress Report" in May issue on giving.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS: Promote interest in attending United Nations Seminars in preparation for the study on "The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs." * See pages 18-22.

PROMOTION: If at all possible attend the School of Missions and participate in the Promotion Clinic. Read at least one good book on leadership education. Read "Progress Report" in May issue.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION: Study the spread on pages 22-23 of this issue for 1959-60 study materials. File the material on Study Book Projects for future reference, pages 5-12. Attend your conference School of Missions and Christian Service, if possible, whenever it is held.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD: Executive Committee on Program, and committees on lines of work hold first meetings of the year. Guild president meets with Woman's Society president.

STUDENT WORK: Cooperate in church plans for observance of Methodist Student Day (second Sunday). See that the church offering for Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund is sent to the treasurer of your conference Board of Education.

YOUTH WORK: Encourage members of the MYF to make individual pledges to the Methodist Youth Fund. Urge members of the MYF to attend assemblies, camps, or institutes and be alert for ideas to strengthen the place of Christian Outreach in the MYF.

CHILDREN'S WORK: Cooperate in vacation church school plans in the local church. Review *Handbook for Secretaries of Children's Work* * and leaflet on *Children's Missionary Giving.** Read pages in THE METHODIST WOMAN on Children's Work. Attend conference leadership schools, Laboratory School, or other children's workers training groups.

SPIRITUAL LIFE: Organize the Committee on Spiritual Life. Review duties in *Handbook* and become acquainted with materials: *Program Book* * and *Worship Booklet* * and the Spiritual Life packet.* Give special attention to items on the period report blank. Assume your responsibility as a member of the Committee on Program and of the church Commission on Membership and Evangelism.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS: If a new secretary, send name and address together with the name and address of your church to THE METHODIST WOMAN, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Secure *Subscription Record Book* and Procedural File from the former Secretary of Literature and Publications.

SUPPLY WORK: Present the list of *Askings* for Supply Work received from your district secretary. (If she has failed to send it, write to her for it.)

STATUS OF WOMEN: Go over your file of Service Activity Cards * to be sure it is up to date. Suggest the use of the playlet "Time—a Most Precious Possession," page 33.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

Quotes . . .

FROM REPORTS OF CONFERENCE SECRETARIES OF PROMOTION

Membership

. . . More stress is being placed on the need for fellowship and reaching new members.

. . . When a new member comes into the Society she is the responsibility of an individual woman until she becomes well acquainted.

. . . Most of the districts have reached the goal we set—111 new members for each district.

. . . THE METHODIST WOMAN is given to each new member for one year.

. . . Getting new members is the number one challenge. Keeping them is the second.

. . . Many Societies report active membership committees striving to increase membership by personal contacts, telephone calls, written invitations, and calling on new members with the pastor.

Visitation

. . . One district is sending out teams of district officers to outlying Societies. This has brought many fine results.

. . . Twice a month, members of one local Society assist the pastor in making calls.

. . . Officers of the district visited more than twenty-five Societies during a four month period. As a result four Promotion Workshops were held to work on some of the problems in local situations. The women felt free to discuss their problems and ideas in a small group.

. . . Our visitation program in every district has not only added new members but it has enriched the life of the women of every Society.

. . . One Society with a membership of about three hundred has "organized calling." Each month two members of each circle take lists of new people, shut-ins, and irregular attendants. After calling they meet at a "callers' coffee" to report interest, illness, need for help. These matters are later reported to the Society. This has increased attendance.

Miscellaneous

. . . One Society entertained at a coffee all members who would be nominated for office and explained their duties to them, which they hope will make for a better Society.

. . . One Society took time at three monthly meetings for each officer to interpret her duties to all members, thus giving each member a clearer picture of the Woman's Society.

. . . There is a constant decrease in unorganized churches.

. . . One newly formed circle meets in the morning and in that way reaches women who have not previously been interested.

. . . Our concern is dwindling attendance at general meetings.

. . . One new Society was organized through the efforts of a District Member.

. . . A Day Apart held in each district.

. . . A real concern for making all meetings interesting and educational has been noted.

. . . Our efforts are aimed toward improving three weaknesses: number of Societies reporting, number using visual aids, and number using My World Bank.

. . . One Society is 100 per cent subscribing to THE METHODIST WOMAN.

. . . THE METHODIST WOMAN is being put to good use. One Society used the idea (found in the February, 1957, issue) of Living Pictures to present the goals. Each circle was assigned a goal and members asked to work out their own conception of a picture.

. . . An increasing number of Committees on Local Church Activities are reporting family suppers preceding a study course session. Other services include a "coffee time" when new members are received into the church. Special attention is given to shut-in members.

. . . THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, and *Prayer Calendar* are used as supplementary material.

. . . Societies are cooperating in the total church program.

. . . More effective use of audio-visuals.

. . . An outstanding study course on the Middle East was conducted with nine churches cooperating. There was an average attendance of forty-four with fifteen visitors in addition. A local radio station asked that a resume of the course be given over the air. This was done by the Secretary of Missionary Education and Service. As a result, a local woman's club is arranging a course on Religions of the Middle East.

. . . One Society reported a Christmas party for the elderly women of the church.

. . . One Society reported a new circle of young mothers.

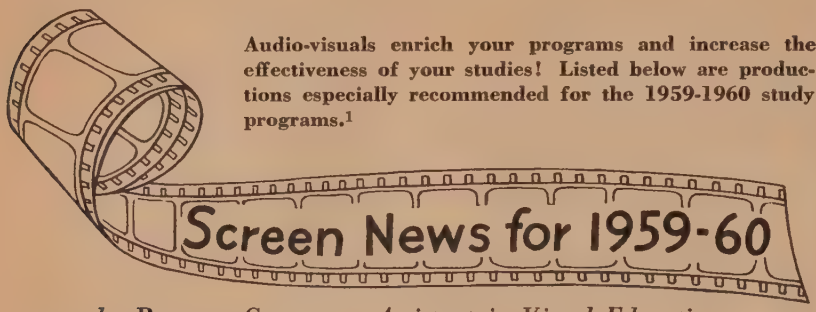
. . . Guild Month was observed in many Societies.

. . . One Society organized a bus trip to visit nearby missionary projects.

. . . The program "A Decade of Human Rights" was well done and interesting.

. . . Members are becoming aware of something larger than their own group. They are accepting responsibility in the total church program.

—H. L. J.



Audio-visuals enrich your programs and increase the effectiveness of your studies! Listed below are productions especially recommended for the 1959-1960 study programs.[1]

by BARBARA CAMPBELL, *Assistant in Visual Education*

A registered nurse, typical of the "New Faces of Africa."

THE CHURCH'S MISSION IN TOWN AND COUNTRY

Movie Films

None Goes His Way Alone—The major film for home missions study, showing how the rural churches of America are establishing new centers of Christian fellowship. Methodist-produced and filmed around Warrensburg, Missouri. 30 minutes. Rental: color, $9.00; black and white, $6.00.

The Harvest—Film portrayal of the problems facing rural ministers and how they give their work meaning and perspective. Produced by National Film Board of Canada. 29 minutes. Rental: black and white, $6.00.

Again Pioneers—Story of a migrant family that wants to settle in a small town, but finds community attitudes unfriendly. 62 minutes. Rental: black and white, $10.00.

Filmstrips

Digging Deep—New color filmstrip produced to help teen-agers see what happens when young people of churches in town and country work together on a rural project. Narration on 33⅓ rpm record. Sale, $10.00.

This Sustaining Bread—New devotional filmstrip for adults. Bread is used to symbolize spiritual truth and the interrelatedness of town and country people with urban people. Reading script. Color. Sale only, $6.00.

The Lord's Acre—Color filmstrip telling the story of a family who planned to use crop money to rebuild a community church, but whose crops are ruined by a storm. Narration on 78 or 33⅓ rpm record. Sale, $5.00; rental, $2.00.

AFRICA

Movie Films

New Faces of Africa—Important film produced by BFC especially for this study, showing rapid transition in Africa, the struggle for freedom, and the role of the Christian church in the process. Included are interviews with outstanding political personalities educated in mission schools. 28½ minutes. Rental: color, $12.00; black and white, $8.00.

Congo Journey—Film tour through Methodist missions in Belgian Congo. Rural and urban Christian centers are shown helping people face problems of the "new" Africa. 30 minutes. Rental: color, $10.00; black and white, $6.00.

Albert Schweitzer—Feature-length biography of Dr. Schweitzer picturing the great doctor and his mission hospital. 80 minutes. Rental: color, $60.00; black and white, $45.00. Commercial use can be made of this film by charging admission fees.

Report From Africa, Part I—Informative film from Edward R. Murrow's "See It Now" TV series. Shows Gold Coast, Liberia, Kenya, Belgian Congo, and Rhodesia. 60 minutes. Rental: black and white, $15.00. Available from Contemporary Films, 267 West 25th Street, New York, N. Y.

Mark of the Hawk—Theatrical film playing in neighborhood theaters. In simple, direct terms this film speaks of the fellowship of Christians around the world, especially in areas of revolutionary activity. Stars Sidney Poitier and Eartha Kitt in Africa.

Filmstrips

Congo Christian Centers—Color filmstrip showing significant impact of Christian centers on the lives of Africans in the midst of social, cultural, and industrial change. Rural and urban life in Belgian Congo featured. Narration on 33⅓ rpm record. Sale, $10.00; rental, $2.50.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

(No suitable films or filmstrips were found for this study)

Deaconess Louise Dutcher appears in "Make All Things New."

THE ROLE OF THE U.N. IN WORLD AFFAIRS

Movie Films

Three of Our Children—Film showing work of UNICEF in Greece, Nigeria, and Philippines. 30 minutes. Black and white. Rental: daily, $4.50; weekly, $9.00.

Question in Togoland—Color film on the first plebiscite held in a United Nations Trust Territory, when the people of Togoland voted to join the Gold Coast and became the new nation of Ghana. 20 minutes. Rental, $10.00. Available from Contemporary Films, 267 West 25th Street, New York, N. Y.

Workshop for Peace—Film tour of the U.N. buildings with pictures of the General Assembly in action. 30 minutes. Black and white. Rental, $7.50. Available from Contemporary Films, 267 West 25th Street, New York, N. Y.

Filmstrips

We the People of the United Nations—The teaching aid for the study course. A description of people that make up the U.N. and problems they bring to it. Reading script. Color. Sale, $4.00. Available from Office of Visual Education, Room 840, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

RECRUITMENT

Movie Films

Make All Things New—Film to interpret the deaconess relationship, show the variety of jobs open to deaconesses, and present the need for additional workers. Pictures six deaconesses of The Methodist Church at work. Recommended for Woman's Societies, Wesleyan Service Guilds, and especially for college and high-school groups. 27 minutes. Black and white. Rental, $6.00.

Reply to Reality—Color film in which young people face a call to missionary service overseas. Highly recommended for missionary recruitment and vocational guidance programs. 29 mintues. Rental, $8.00.

GENERAL

Movie Films

Mission in Bolivia—A film report from missionaries in Bolivia, describing Methodist missions and showing Bolivian people reached by the church. 25 minutes. Rental: color, $10.00; black and white, $6.00.

Francisco of Puerto Rico—Attractive color film of a Puerto Rican boy, showing his association with the church and his typical summer activities. Recommended for children. 12 minutes. Rental, $5.00.

A Better World Begins With Me—New film to encourage personal evangelism, based on the story of a nominal church family whose faith comes alive as concern for others is practiced. 30 minutes. Rental: color, $6.00; black and white, $4.00.

MYFund film featuring Homer Toberman Settlement House. Produced by TRAFCO. To be released in fall of 1959.

The Long Stride—Documentary film showing work of churches helping people in need overseas. Produced for Church World Service and released through Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. 28½ minutes. Black and white. Rental, $5.00.

Filmstrips

It's a Busy Life—Peppy color filmstrip highly recommended to present and promote the program of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and attract new members. Narration on 33⅓ rpm record. Sale, $8.00; rental, $2.50.

Filmstrip on Housing—For use in Housing Workshops. With reading script. Sale only, $4.00. Available from Office of Visual Education, Room 840, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

All Day Long—Color filmstrip describing a day in the life of a missionary teacher in Cochabamba; and a close look at the Bolivian youth and their capacities to respond to the Christian message. Narration on 33⅓ rpm record. Sale only, $10.00.

Picture Packets

Belgian Congo—Six 8 x 10 glossy black-and-white prints showing representative evangelical, educational and medical work, with title cards. Sale, $1.00. Available from Department of Visual Education, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Minister counseling young farmer in scene from "The Harvest."

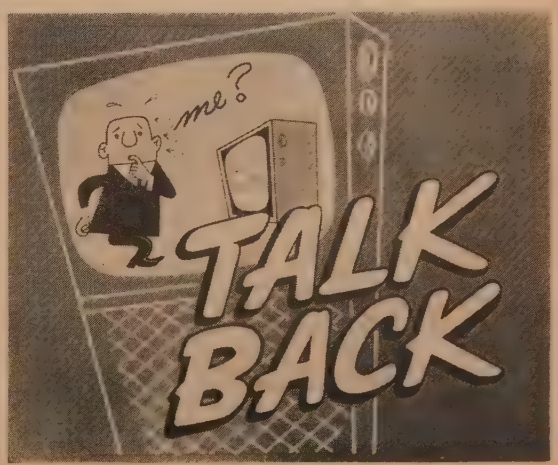
Woman's Division Projects— Six 8 x 10 glossy black-and-white prints showing representative work of the Woman's Division at home and abroad. Includes Korea, Africa, and India. Sale, $1.00.[1] Available from the Office of Visual Education, Room 840, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

NOTE: Every Society or Guild should have access to the 1958-1959 Fourth Edition of the *Audio-Visual Resource Guide*, listing 2,500 current church-related audio-visual materials. Sale price, $10.00. Order from Audio-Visual Resource Guide, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

[1] All productions listed on this page are available from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory unless otherwise indicated.

WATCH "TALK-BACK" ON TV

Provocative series of thirteen TV programs by the Methodist Television Ministry offering a new approach to communicating the Gospel, including a chance for local viewers to meet and discuss the problems presented. Watch "Talk Back" when it is telecast in your area. Join a discussion group.



STUDENT WORK

DOROTHY NYLAND, *Secretary*

TRAINING CHURCHMEN

by DR. HARVEY C. BROWN

ONE OF the major objectives of the Methodist Student Movement is to provide opportunities for training intelligent churchmen. Some of the program agencies which assume this responsibility are the following: summer service, state, conference, and regional student leadership training conferences.

State intercollegiate conferences are effective in the area of training students for service in the church. These conferences major in training in worship, in Bible study, in the interpretation of the meaning and message of the Church, the Christian fellowship, and in sharing the best methods of collegiate Christian work with the program planning agencies of our local campuses. These state meetings are projects of the state movements, in cooperation with the National Methodist Student Movement. The national offices provide thirty-nine national leaders for platform and consultation in these state and area conferences.

In the intensive leadership training program of the student movement of the church undertaken on the regional level, seven such regional conferences are required to meet the needs of the nation. Here again, these are educational enterprises provided by the national movement, in cooperation with the states and areas within the region served. The regional conferences are unlike state conferences in that they are designed to train professional workers and students who compose program planning units on college campuses. More than 2,000 students and counselors are benefited annually.

The principal objective of these conferences is to restudy basically the entire purpose of a Christian group on a college campus. What is a Christian group on a college campus? What is it supposed to do? What is its real purpose? Is it to fulfill program and organizational functions? Is it to be a part of the educational process on the campus? Is its sole purpose to create Christlike individuals in relationship to community? How is this done? Can a campus Christian group be expected to exercise wide influence in campus living? How is this most effectively achieved? Should a college student be expected to face issues today in the light of his college experiences? These are some of the questions to be given serious consideration.

State and area conferences differ from regional conferences, in that each has a distinctive service to perform, just as the National Conference has a distinctive service to perform quadrennially for the National Movement. Our conference programs on all levels are emphasizing the significance of the World's Student Christian Federation's suggested emphasis, "The Life and Mission of the Church." Conference technique begun by the student movement in the 1880's continues to contribute an effective educational and religious service to college groups.

The National Methodist Student Movement has announced plans for several regional student leadership training conferences for the summer of 1959. These conferences are for counselors and workers. Program features in each conference include: worship, Bible study, recreation, issues discussed by calibered platform leaders, discussions, panels, music, drama, program and organizational workshop, and Christian fellowship. The theme for 1959 is "The Call, the Church, the World." The dates, places and leadership are:

LAKE JUNALUSKA, NORTH CAROLINA
August 24-31, 1959

Platform Speaker: Dr. John Thompson, University of Chicago, Dean of Memorial Chapel
Dean: Dr. Ray Allen, Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee
Educational Director: Dr. Harvey C. Brown, Methodist Board of Education

CAMP CASOWASCO, NEW YORK
August 30-September 5, 1959

Platform Speaker: Dr. L. Harold DeWolf, Boston University School of Theology
Dean: Rev. Raymond N. Fedje, Wesley Methodist Church—Wesley Foundation, Amherst, Massachusetts
Educational Director: Rev. Jameson Jones, Methodist Board of Education

CAMP EGAN, OKLAHOMA
August 22-29, 1959

Platform Speaker: Rev. Tracey K. Jones, Methodist Board of Missions.
Dean: Rev. Robert O. Cooper, A. & M. Wesley Foundation, College Station, Texas
Educational Director: Rev. R. C. Singleton, Board of Missions.

LAKE POINSETT, SOUTH DAKOTA
August 29-September 5, 1959

Platform Speaker: Dr. Julian N. Hartt, The Divinity School of Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
Dean: Rev. Ralph Miller, The Wesley Foundation of Milwaukee, Wis.
Educational Director: Rev. Robert Regan, Methodist Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C.

LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA
August 27-September 3, 1959

Platform Speaker: Dr. J. Wesley Robb, Department of Religion, University of Southern California.
Dean: Rev. William D. Porter, The Wesley Foundation, Berkeley, Calif.

FLATHEAD LAKE, MONTANA
August 30-September 6, 1959

Platform Speaker: Dr. Everett Tilson, The Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
Dean: Rev. Robert E. Hunter, The Wesley Foundation, Fort Collins, Colo.
Educational Director: Dr. Richard N. Bender, Board of Education.

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL
(Place to be announced)
August 31-September 5, 1959

Platform Speaker: Dr. John Herbert Otwell, Pacific School of Religion.
Dean: Rev. Paul Stopenhagen, The Wesley Foundation, West Lafayette, Indiana
Educational Director. Dr. H. D. Bollinger, Board of Education.

YOUTH WORK

ALLENE MAY FORD, *Secretary*

ADVENTURE THROUGH STUDY

EACH year we stretch our minds, interests, and concerns through the use of mission study materials. For many of us this means adventure into unknown countries and situations through participating in a mission study. The interdenominational themes for 1959-60 invite us to rich experiences because we shall study about Africa and The Church's Mission in Town and Country.

It is customary to have the materials on display and introduce them in other ways in MYF institutes and assemblies. Some MYF summer agencies have work groups and committees who plan ways to make the use of these materials an interesting and important part of the MYF program.

The Secretary of Youth Work should know about these materials. She will need to secure them well in advance of the summer conference if she is serving as leader or resource person in any study groups. She will encourage the Woman's Society to make them available to the MYF in each local church. They will be helpful to the MYF council, and especially to the chairman of Christian Outreach, as plans are made to include these emphases in the year's program. The leaflet *Missionary Materials for Youth* * (free) lists them and indicates times when missionary units related to these themes will appear in Methodist curriculum for all age groups in the MYF.

Africa

Africa covers about four times the area of the United States. It is approximately 6,000 miles in length and 3,000 miles at its maximum width. About three-fourths of its population reside south of the Sahara. Africa is no longer cut off from the rest of the world. The process of rapid change has affected Africa as well as many other parts of the world. Africans have a knowledge of other lands and their peoples. Young people of Africa have a hunger for education and are receptive to new ideas. People from all parts of the world are going to Africa for business, conferences, and personal reasons. This will help us to know and better understand each other.

The church has been an important factor in the progress which has been made in Africa. "For lo, these one hundred twenty-odd years the church has been gently shaking Africa's shoulder, nudging her to full wakefulness. Now, suddenly, Africa needs no more prodding. Now it is the church which must hurry to keep pace." [1]

Study Materials—Africa *

FOR INTERMEDIATES

***Paths That Cross*—Esther Daniels—Paper $1.50**

Guide *How to Use Paths That Cross*—Ethel Shellenberger—Paper 65 cents

FOR SENIORS AND OLDER YOUTH

***Jungles Ahead*—Esther D. Horner—Paper $1.50**

***This Is Africa South of the Sahara*—Newell Booth—Paper 75 cents**

***Youth Guide on Africa*—Rowena McCutcheon—Paper 65 cents**

***The Halting Kingdom*—Karefa-Smart—Paper $1.00 (for college students)**

RESOURCES

***Livingstone, the Pathfinder*—Mathews—Paper $1.50**

***Fun and Festival From Africa*—Rose H. Wright—Paper 60 cents**

***Political Map of Africa*—46 x 30 inches—$1.00**

***Picture Map of Africa*—$1.00**

Filmstrip: *Face to the Future*—$6.00 (May be purchased from The Methodist Publishing House which serves your territory.)

The Church's Mission in Town and Country

Do you know how many teenagers live in rural America? What do we mean by rural America? What do we mean by town and country? Questions like these will be discussed in the study which deals with this subject. The study

will reveal some of the changes which have taken place in the role of the town and country church. The significance of the church being more than a place where people gather for worship will come in for some consideration, too. The interrelationship between rural and urban churches will prove an interesting phase of this study. Many of their problems are similar and they are interdependent.

Study Materials—The Church's Mission in Town and Country *

FOR INTERMEDIATES

***Raising Cane on Huckleberry*—Alice Cobb—Paper $1.50**

***How to Use Raising Cane on Huckleberry*—Margaret Greene—Paper 65 cents**

FOR SENIORS AND OLDER YOUTH

***Windbreaks*—J. Martin Bailey—Paper $1.50**

***A Guide for Study and Action: Youth in the Town and Country Church*—J. Martin Bailey—Paper 65 cents**

RESOURCES

Revised Picture Map of the United States—$1.00

Filmstrips—*Digging Deep*—$10.00

(Filmstrips must be purchased from The Methodist Publishing House which serves your territory)

World Friendship Group

The programs prepared for a World Friendship Group of Girls, *From Trails to Highways,** 75 cents, have been planned around these two themes. These programs and worship services should be available as supplementary material for the MYF when the missionary units on these themes are carried forward.

[1] From *Comes the Dawn,** by Eunice E. Dodge.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio, or Distributing Offices.

CHILDREN'S WORK

MONA E. KEWISH, *Secretary*

LET'S MAKE A REPORT

REPORTS can be dull, uninteresting narrations, or they can be sparkling, eye-catching, attention-holding news about children and what is happening to them in the church school.

Every responsible Secretary of Children's Work should make a special effort to give an interesting report, to present the total program for children to the Woman's Society of Christian Service. For members of the Society, she is an important, and sometimes the only, link of enlightenment between the Woman's Society and what children are doing in the church school. She may even, in turn, help to interpret and transmit information about the work of the Woman's Society to other church-school workers if they are not members of the Woman's Society.

Some Secretaries of Children's Work are fortunate enough to receive a brief period at each meeting for presenting children's work; some are allowed longer periods at certain meetings of the year; and others may be allotted little if any time for a brief statement or two. Perhaps they have felt they had nothing to report. If no time, or too little, is allowed for reporting, then each secretary should continue to ask for more, and use the time for an interesting, meaningful report. Whether lengthy or brief, it requires thoughtful planning.

The Secretary of Children's Work needs to keep well informed on the total program for children in the church school as she participates as a children's worker. Missionary education is just one phase of the program for children which should be a part of her report to the Woman's Society. Curriculum materials used in the church school should be interpreted to members of the Woman's Society. The story papers and other materials used to enrich missionary education for children should also be presented.

Magazines such as THE METHODIST WOMAN, *Child Guidance in Christian Living*, and WORLD OUTLOOK should be presented with an explanation of how teachers use these materials in their work with children.

For the secretary who has little time for reporting, there are numerous ways of introducing curriculum materials to the members of the Woman's Society. Attractive displays may be set up in the room where the women assemble for their meetings. The Secretary of Children's Work and/or another children's worker may be on hand to show and explain the materials.

Limit the exhibits. Do not try to display everything at one time. Perhaps one theme or one unit may be chosen, i.e., "The Bible," "The Church" or the missionary unit may be used. Display materials from the several age groups may be used to show how the curriculum is prepared to help boys and girls grow in their understanding of their church and their world as they learn to become followers of Jesus Christ.

When time is given for reporting, the secretary may present the goals in Christian education and call attention to some of the units which are used to achieve these goals.

Missionary emphasis may be presented by means of charts, posters, or displays of projects completed by the children during their missionary study. The reading books or manuals used during additional sessions in missionary education should be presented in the report. The filmstrip, *Growing as World Friends*, is excellent material for reporting to adults to help them understand what missionary education of children means and how the home and church need to work together. The filmstrip will also answer questions about activities for children and how those activities lead to effective teaching. *Growing as World Friends* is in color and the showing time is twenty minutes.

To familiarize the Woman's Society with the total plan for children's giving through the Sunday school, vacation church school, and additional sessions, a "Children's Giving" report should be made some time during the year, perhaps quite effectively, through charts and posters, or pictures with interesting captions. The Children's Service Fund taken during additional sessions should be reported also. The Woman's Society will be interested to know how the money for all children's giving is channeled and how it is used. Leadership training opportunities, district meetings, mission schools, laboratory schools, cooperative relationships, all should be reported at one time or another during the year. There would not be time at any one meeting of the Woman's Society to report on all these subjects.

A better understanding between the church school and the Woman's Society will depend on the willingness of the Secretary of Children's Work to keep well informed concerning the total church school program for children, and the enthusiasm with which she makes her report. Your message will be caught if you have something to say, say it often enough, and *say it as though you believe it!* You have one of the most important jobs in the church. Say it! And say it in your reports to your Woman's Society of Christian Service! Let's make a report that will be remembered.

TIME, A MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION

by

DOREEN YOUNGS

Miss Youngs of Endicott, New York, spent one summer in Alaska working at Jesse Lee Home. An account of her experience appeared in the June 1958 issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

SETTING: This presentation is in three parts. If given in full, a large stage and several characters are necessary, but it can be adjusted to a small group by having only one representative from each of the early organizations.

COSTUMES: Appropriate costumes for the years mentioned would heighten the interest of the first episode.

CHORUS AND VOICES: The participants in Episode 1 become the CHORUS and VOICES in the other episodes.

CHORUS *(all voices)*: Time is one of our most precious possessions. Our use of it shapes our destinies. Tick, tock, tick, tock.

All time is divided into three parts: the past, the present, and the future. Tick, tock, tick, tock.

EPISODE 1: THE PAST

FIRST READER: Tonight we are asking time to turn backward in its flight. We want to recall the beginnings of our organization and bring to mind the women of the past who had a vision for the future.

The year was 1869. *(Enter* Mrs. William Butler, Mrs. Edwin Parker, *and* Mrs. Lewis Flanders. *They stand in earnest conversation during the introductory speech and then cross over to the right.)* Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Edwin Parker, who had served in India with their missionary husbands, were eager to organize a missionary society to support work among women and girls in India. They enlisted the help of Mrs. Lewis Flanders. A meeting was arranged for March 23 at Tremont Street Church in Boston, Massachusetts. In spite of a rain storm, eight women came. This was the beginning of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. *(Women cross to right.)*

That was in March. *(Enter* Isabella Thoburn *and* Dr. Clara Swain.) In November, 1869, that young society sent out the first missionaries: Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, and Clara Swain, a medical doctor. Think of the courage of those two young women and remember the results of the dedication. Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow was the first college for women and the Clara Swain Hospital in Bareilly was the first hospital for women in India. Both are continuing a great service to womanhood. *(They cross to right.)*

SECOND READER: *(Enter* Mrs. D. H. McGavock *and* Miss Lockie Rankin.) Just a few years later, in 1878, General Conference gave the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, authority to organize for work in foreign fields. Many local groups had been organized in various places. Mrs. D. H. McGavock, who became the first corresponding secretary, had been so interested in the work of the Lambuths in China that she gave the diamonds from her wedding veil pin to help establish a mission school. And Miss Lockie Rankin went to teach in that school, the first single woman missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to go to a foreign land. *(They cross to right.)*

(Enter Miss Harriet Brittain.) It is interesting to note how woman's organizations gained momentum. In 1879 the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was organized in Pittsburgh. Miss Harriet Brittain was the first missionary of this society. She reached Yokohama, Japan, in September, 1880, and a month later opened a school with four children. That school is Seibi Gakuen with an enrollment around a thousand. *(She crosses to right.)*

FIRST READER: Women were interested in home missions, too. *(Enter* Mrs. Joseph Hartzell *and* Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes.) When Mrs. Hartzell went to New Orleans as a parsonage bride she began a service of visitation and charitable ministry to the Negro women and children. Activities multiplied. Her cooking and sewing classes developed into a mission school. She needed help to finance and carry on the work.

She went to General Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, hoping to be heard. But that was in 1880 and she did not have a chance. However, a district superintendent and a pastor offered assistance. They arranged a meeting for June 8 at Trinity Methodist Church. Fifty women responded to Mrs. Hartzell's plea and organized the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The first lady of the land, Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes, became the first president and served for nine years. *(They move to the right.)*

(Enter Miss Lucinda B. Helm *and* Miss Belle Bennett.) Parsonage aid was the first emphasis in the home missionary program of the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This was a vital concern of Miss Lucinda B. Helm who was general secretary of the Woman's Department of Church Extension. Later this parsonage work developed into the

Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society—a forerunner of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Miss Belle Bennett was the president of this board. She also became the first president of the Woman's Missionary Council when it was formed in 1910 by the uniting of the home and foreign work. *(They move to right.)*

(Enter Mrs. M. O. Everett.) The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church also assisted in church extension. Through the efforts of Mrs. M. O. Everett, the Alvin Drew School was established at Pine Ridge, Kentucky, which served with credit until after unification, when it was closed. *(She moves to right.)*

SECOND READER: Time passes. Tick, tock, tick, tock. These women made their contribution. They began the organizations which merged in 1940 to form the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Now we must continue the work.

CHORUS: Time was their precious possession. Their use of it shaped the destinies of many people. Tick, tock, tick, tock.

EPISODE II: THE PRESENT

CHORUS: Time is our most precious possession. *Our* use of it shapes our destinies. Tick, tock, tick, tock.

All time is divided into three parts: the past, the present, and the future. Tick, tock, tick, tock.

FIRST READER: We are more fortunate than the Methodist women of the past in that modern inventions help us to discharge our menial tasks in less time than was needed by women of a century ago.

CHORUS: Yes, today we women have:

VOICE 1: Electric washers and clothes driers.

VOICE 2: Electric stoves, percolators, toasters, cleaners, and other devices.

VOICE 3: Automobiles, fast trains, and air travel.

SECOND READER: Today simultaneously our clothes can be washed in an automatic washer in the basement and coffee can be perked in our kitchen while we dress for our business or professional jobs in our bedrooms. Frozen foods and modern refrigeration cut down time expended on meal preparation. Time, our most precious possession, can be utilized to an extreme. We have more time to give to church work. Today women have suffrage which should be used at every opportunity.

CHORUS: All Methodist women should vote.

VOICE 4: We should see that we are permanently registered to vote.

CHORUS: All Methodist women should vote.

VOICE 5: All Methodist women should vote at school elections.

CHORUS: All Methodist women should vote.

VOICE 6: All eligible Methodist women should have civic pride and vote on community referendums for new schools, new hospitals, or civic centers.

CHORUS: All Methodist women should vote.

FIRST READER: Women should know each other and their capabilities. Talented women should not hide their lights under a bushel. Participation in church and community affairs is our duty.

VOICE 7: How can we know which people are capable?

VOICE 8: One way is by the Service Activity Cards put out by our own Woman's Division of Christian Service. These should be filled out for each person on the church roll and for newcomers to the community. Then the church should use these women and their potential power.

SECOND READER: Our new *Handbook* suggests that we keep a record of the women of the local Guild who serve in any way and then compute the hours of service and the varieties of service they give.

VOICE 9: What type of thing would count?

VOICE 10: Let's make a chart of some possible activities.

(The VOICES *make suggestions depending on the local church. Our group suggested: teaching in the church school; singing in the choir; working on church suppers; serving as secretary in the church school; acting as treasurer of the Guild; doing church evangelism work; calling on shut-ins.)*

FIRST READER: Another activity of the Status of Women is to keep a scrapbook of activities of all women in public and private local affairs that advance Christ's Kingdom or raise a woman's status. And through it all we must remember to take time to be holy.

HYMN *(standing):* "Take Time to Be Holy," No. 251, *The Methodist Hymnal.*

CHORUS: Time is our most precious possession. Our use of it shapes our destinies. Tick, tock, tick, tock.

All time is divided into three parts: the past, the present, and the future. Tick, tock, tick, tock.

EPISODE III: THE FUTURE

SECOND READER: The future will be what we church women make it. Let us remember that we are the Woman's Society of Christian *Service* and the Wesleyan *Service* Guild. Each has her own ideals, both practical and visionary. You in the audience will have practical suggestions. Be thinking of them. Let us remember that "where there is no vision, the people perish." What are some of our visions?

VOICE 1: I hope to see the Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, North Carolina, completed for our retired workers.

VOICE 2: I'd be happy to see more deaconesses and missionaries.

VOICE 3: We need to interest more women in the purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the work of the Woman's Society.

VOICE 4: We can work with our shut-in members and elderly people.

VOICE 5: Secure more subscribers and readers of THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

READER: You, the audience, have ideas. Let us put them on these cards. *(Pass out three-by-five-inch cards and pencils to each person present.)* Later the cards will be collected and used as suggestions for service. *(Allow time for members to write a suggestion.)*

CHORUS: Time is our most precious possession. Our use of it shapes destinies. Tick, tock, tick, tock.

All time is divided into three parts: the past, the present, and the future. Tick, tock, tick, tock.

READER: Let us all bring our cards with our suggestions to the table while we sing our closing number.

CLOSING HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be," No. 225, *The Methodist Hymnal.*

DISTRICT SECRETARY RECEIVES CITATION

Mrs. Frank Little

THE Seattle District Wesleyan Service Guild of the Pacific Northwest Conference recently presented a certificate of merit award to Mrs. Frank Little, retiring district secretary. The award was merely a simple citation, but it was given in sincere appreciation for Mrs. Little's outstanding work as district secretary and for her many years of service to the church and community.

Mrs. Little is a member of the Pastoral Relations Committee and the Commission on Missions in her local church, where she also teaches in the church school. She is a certified medical secretary and has been employed for the last six years at the Veterans Administration Hospital. She is the mother of five children.

Under her leadership, the Guilds in the district have been very active. Members have lent support to Seattle Atlantic Street Center, a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in an interracial area. Through the guidance of the young Social Worker-Director, Tsuguo Ikeda, teen-age gangs are finding their way into the Center, learning the rewards of constructive activities. At the district Weekend last February, Social Worker Elizabeth Bannister of the Washington Children's Home Society, a private child-caring agency, reviewed the technical procedures for securing long-needed social legislation while the State Legislature was in session.

One of Mrs. Little's more recent accomplishments was in sharing much of the responsibility for the Interracial Institute on Vocational Guidance held in Seattle last spring under sponsorship of the Urban League.

Wesleyan Service Guilds in the Seattle District have strong interest in the mission field for personal reasons. Returned missionaries taking positions of leadership include Dr. Alice Brethorst and Mrs. Gail Kiser from China, Misses Marie Corner and Meriel McCall from India, Miss Margaret Martin from Korea (conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations), and Miss Maudie Carruth from Panama.

LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The Wesleyan Service Guild bylaws do not provide for a chairman of Local Church Activities. The *Handbook* does suggest a committee on Local Church Activities.

In many Guilds there are several committees doing the work generally included in this area. There is no set rule as to who should serve on the committee, but it is advisable to have the Secretary of Promotion as one of the members.

The activities and the funds used for Local Church Activities are sometimes confused with those of community activities, which are actually a part of the Christian Social Relations program. The Woman's Division of Christian Service has prepared a statement with the following information that may help:

Types of activities calling for funds which are the responsibility of committee on Local Church Activities:

1. Fellowship activities of the local church for which the Guild accepts responsibility.

2. Fellowship activities of the Guild.

3. Special needs of the local church for which the Guild may accept financial responsibility.

Funds for use through the program of Christian Social Relations include:

1. Funds to be used for local community endeavors undertaken by the Guild, either alone or cooperatively with other church-related agencies or other programs for community betterment.

2. Special funds that may be obtained for other activities recommended by the Woman's Division as a part of a wider joint community betterment.

Each committee takes the request for funds to the Program Committee or Executive Committee for approval. Then the requests are given to the Committee on Finance.

The Woman's Division believes that many local community needs and responsibilities should be met by individual contributions and not from the budget of the Woman's Society or Guild.

CIRCLES — *Worship and Program Suggestions*

"FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER"

A Program for Adults and Youth

by MAUDE WHITE HARDIE

SOFT MUSIC: "Walk in the Light," *The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 378

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"Lord, as we Thy name profess,
May our hearts Thy love confess,
And in all our praise of Thee
May our lips and lives agree." [1]

HYMN: "Walk in the Light"

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 1:5-7; 3:1-2

PRAYER: "For Love to God and Man," *The Methodist Hymnal,* page 513

INTRODUCTION *(Leader):* Our Circle has the pleasure at this meeting of welcoming some of the youth of our church (or community). This seems an especially appropriate time for us to get together. First, because as adults we always find pleasure in spending time with our young people, but we do not always plan for fellowship and the time slips by. Second, because it is vacation time, when schedules are not quite so rigid as during the school year. Third, because this is the month when the Woman's Society and Guild program is dealing with youth from another angle—that of juvenile delinquency. This is very important; but it is certainly of equal importance to cultivate closer acquaintance with you who are helping build a stronger and more Christian church and community, and who in a few years will be the leaders in these areas.

For a part of our program we will divide into small groups, with some youth and some adults in each group. *(Use any simple device to form groups, such as "numbering off," or drawing slips of different colored paper. Assign a meeting place to each group.)* After assembling, each group will select a spokesman to make its report to the entire group. Then each small group will talk over the subject assigned to it. After a few minutes we will come together again to share the high points of the various discussions.

(Separate into groups. Give to the leader of each group a slip of paper, with a different topic written on each slip. The topics suggested below are related to matters of importance in family, community, and church. Other topics may be substituted, but care should be taken to have them on subjects of general interest, and of real significance, however simple they may seem. Give adequate time for people to become acquainted and to exchange views, as the group discussion is likely to be more meaningful than the general session.)

GROUP DISCUSSION—Suggested Topics:

1. The thing I have enjoyed most this summer is _____, because _____.

2. I missed church last Sunday. Can you bring me up to date?

3. My hobby is _____. My favorite occupation is _____.

4. Have you seen _____ *(name of some shut-in or absentee)* lately? What's wrong with him or her? What could we do for him?

5. The TV program I like best is _____, because _____. The ones I never look at are _____ _____.

6. My favorite hymn in *The Methodist Hymnal* is _____. I like it because _____.

7. My favorite season of the year is _____, because _____. My favorite holiday is _____, because _____.

8. It has been estimated that on an average, we speak to seventeen different people daily. Did you, today? Who were they and what is their occupation?

9. Do you remember your first day in school? In church? What suggestions could you make concerning reception of newcomers?

10. Does "outer space" have anything to do with us? Just what?

11. We hear a great deal about "one world" and an "ecumenical" Church. Do you think this is just idealistic talk? How many people of different nations or different races can you count in your acquaintance? How are they like you? How different?

12. We use words rather carelessly today. Can you suggest some of the overworked ones? When we speak of "greatness" in a person, what qualities do you think it means?

GENERAL SESSION *(Spokesmen report on conversations. Some spokesmen will take longer in reporting than others, but try not to let a few monopolize the time. Encourage a sense of ease and fellowship in the exchange of thought and experience. Make sure that both youth and adults have a full share in the entire program.)*

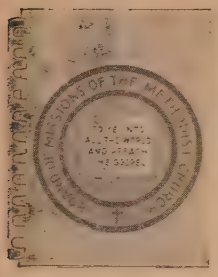
HYMN: "O Young and Fearless Prophet" *(The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 266).

SOCIAL HOUR.

Quiz

1. **Define *Rukwadzano.***
2. **Explain monitoring TV.**
3. **Name projects located at Polo, La Verne, Camden, London, Amarillo.**
4. **Send supplementary gifts where? For What?**
5. **Doctor of Humanities. Who?**
6. **How do missionaries put Christ into conversation?**
7. **What happens on a U.N. Seminar?**
8. **Why use audio-visuals?**
9. **Give suggestions for memorable reports.**
10. **Name six study book projects.**
11. **"Unite all the women _____." Complete sentence.**
12. **Dates to remember: March 23, 1869; 1878; June 8, 1880; September, 1880. Explain.**

[1] Edwin P. Parker in *The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 295, stanza 1.



Praying for Others

by
CLARA MAE SELLS

THE *Prayer Calendar* is a dear friend to me. I like to travel from day to day, first at home and then abroad, to all the places where our workers, in many different ways and in many different languages, are seeking to spread the Kingdom of God. It is interesting to locate the work and workers on the maps. I like, too, to see whose birthday comes each day, and to be able to turn to the addresses and find where they are working.

While it is a genuine privilege to bring all these people to the Throne of Grace in prayer, it poses a problem, too. How shall I pray aright for those whom I do not know? Are they happy and triumphant in their work or faltering with discouragement because of difficulties? Are they "abiding in the Lord," or, without realizing it, are they forgetting Him in the pressing demands of their work? What are their own inner weaknesses against which they must guard? Is friction with ignorant or self-important people wearing away their usefulness? In short, how can my prayers meet their needs when I do not know them at all?

So I wondered. Then one day two memories came to my aid. In C. F. Whiston's *Teach Us to Pray*, he says: "If we use the prayer which Jesus has given us. . . . This one prayer asks everything that is necessary and best for them." The other memory was that of Miss Belle Bennett kneeling by my side in my room at Scarritt College and praying, "May Thy kingdom come in her life and as far as her influence reaches out into the world." This prayer has been a constant inspiration throughout the years since then.

With these memories in mind I started praying something like this:

Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name in the thoughts and desires of each of these people whom I have named before Thee today.

Today may Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done in all they say and do even as it is in heaven.

Give them this day their daily nourishment: that their bodies may be strengthened and kept in health; that their minds may be inspired and directed; and that their souls, rejoicing in Thy presence, may be filled with Thy love toward all those with whom they come in contact.

Forgive them any hurts they may have caused to Thy children and to Thee, even as they forgive those who have hurt them.

Lead them today, not into temptation, but into paths of service. And if evil should await them, deliver them from its power, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and forever. Amen.

Settlement Coffee

A POTTED TREE, sprayed pink, was used as a point of interest at the Annual Tampa Settlement Board Coffee given at the Rosa Valdez Settlement in Tampa, Florida. Guests clipped gifts of money to the tree and proved that money really does "grow on trees" when nurtured by concerned Methodist women.

In the picture below gifts in excess of $400 are being counted by Miss Cleo Barber, head resident of Wolff Settlement, also in Tampa, Mrs. F. M. Dugger, chairman of the event, and Miss Dorothea Reid, head resident, Rosa Valdez Settlement. Eventually the settlements will be able to replace their worn playground equipment and Rosa Valdez Settlement will acquire much needed folding chairs.

Money grows on a tree in the Tampa District, Florida Conference!

SUPPLY WORK

MRS. B. R. LEWIS, *Secretary*

THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETS

by

MRS. B. R. LEWIS, *Chairman*

THE standing Committee on Supply Work met in January at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, just prior to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division. The committee prepared an agenda to be used in the Supply Work clinics in Schools of Missions this summer and considered many plans for meeting more effectively the Supply Work Askings of the institutions and projects of the Woman's Division.

One of the concerns of the committee is the discrepancies in the amount of cash reported by treasurers and Secretaries of Supply Work. A plan will be considered by both treasurers and Secretaries of Supply Work in their respective clinics in summer schools. It is hoped that a method will be agreed upon that will coordinate these reports of cash.

Another *real* concern of the committee is the misunderstanding of a few workers who fail to submit a complete list of their Supply Work needs on the applications for Supply Work, and then supplement their lists during the year by appealing directly to conference or local Woman's Societies. We realize that the applications are submitted far in advance, and that emergency or unforeseen needs may arise, but these should be directed through the regular channels after approval of the executive secretary. Sometimes such needs may be met through undesignated Cash for Supply Work that is available.

At the time of the January meeting, all applications for Supply Work for the year beginning June, 1959, had been received from the projects of the Woman's Division. The executive secretaries had studied them, made necessary deletions, and approved them. They were turned over to me as chairman of the Committee on Supply Work. I presented the total of all approved applications to the Committee on Finance and Estimates of the Woman's Division for approval. Since January these askings have been divided among jurisdictions, conferences, and districts. By June 1 each local secretary will receive a specific asking to be submitted to her local Society for consideration and acceptance.

After the local Society has met the accepted list of askings or made plans to meet the askings in full, the Society is free to contact the district or conference secretary for additional Supply Work opportunities, or to contribute to undesignated Cash for Supply Work.

Members of the standing Committee on Supply Work are, seated left to right: Mrs. Charles W. Mead, Mrs. Fletcher Dixon, Central Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. B. R. Lewis, Chairman, Mrs. William Anderson, Mrs. Julius Haworth, North Central Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work.
Standing, left to right: Miss Mary Lena Wisehart, Southeastern Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. Charles W. Marker, Northeastern Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, South Central Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. Henry Nelson, Western Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work, Miss Ruth Lawrence, representing staff of Department of Work in Foreign Fields, Mrs. Paul Kitzmiller, representing Wesleyan Service Guilds, Miss Ruth Pope, representing staff of Department of Work in Home Fields.

Methodist Prints: Marchant

A BOARD MEMBER SPEAKS

by MRS. G. ALBIN DAHLQUIST

Mrs. Dahlquist is a member of the Committee on Literature and Publications of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Her husband is pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, Warwick, Rhode Island.

WHAT fun it is to go to a program meeting of a local Woman's Society of Christian Service for the first time and be greeted with a warm handshake of welcome and given the current issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Afterwards you can't always remember everybody's name, especially when you are a stranger and meeting so many new women. Other things are rather blurred when you get home and think about the meeting. But you remember what they gave you —your magazine, and you open it and think, "I was a stranger and they took me in—my magazine is proof they liked me and wanted me to join."

Ours is a Woman's Society of Christian Service in a fast-growing suburb of an old New England city, Providence, Rhode Island. New families are coming from other sections of the United States seeking job opportunities. Others are moving out of the city seeking new home localities for growing families. These women are seeking a new church home also and often approach a new church situation with timidity and fear, for they are not always Methodists. But on the church calendar is the invitation to the program meeting of the Woman's Society the second Thursday of each month with the result there is never a meeting without new women, potential members.

We discovered the way to welcome each new woman is with something she can take home, later read and later want to order for herself—a subscription to our magazines, THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. It is our way of saying, "We want you to know us better—and join us." Asbury therefore has a number of yearly subscriptions for this purpose.

Why Not Try This Plan?

Mrs. Eleazer Dawe, Secretary of Literature and Publications of Belvidere, Illinois, writes: "In order to stimulate more interest in THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK I have offered a complimentary dessert luncheon to all subscribers who will read the quiz questions and be able to answer at least half of them correctly.

We had our first gathering November 25 at 12:30 promptly. I served a choice of pumpkin pie with whipped cream or apple pie with cheese and candy, tea, and coffee. The weather was against us, as it rained most of the day. However, eighteen were present. We started our program of Quiz Questions at one o'clock and they were eager to answer. Six had their answers written out. Comments and discussion followed and a unanimous vote to have another meeting. We dismissed the group promptly at 1:30, even though they were eager to stay longer.

"January 27, when my guests arrived they were given a number from one to seven. They were to answer the question corresponding to their number. I am glad when there are ten questions. I have two women who take WORLD OUTLOOK only. After the meeting one of them said, 'I've just got to have THE METHODIST WOMAN so I can find those questions.' I eagerly accepted her $1.50 and sent her subscription the following morning.

"There was one question on the *Prayer Calendar* and it proved so interesting that I received twelve orders for *Prayer Calendars.*

"Each time we answered only those questions appearing in the magazine the month we held the meeting. The women have requested for March 31 that we have February and March questions.

"WORLD OUTLOOK is also so splendid. Maybe I will write some quiz questions for it.

"I honestly believe there has been more interest in the magazines than I have ever seen before."

Mrs. Dawe is a tither and says that although the group protested, she was happy to furnish the dessert luncheon. Perhaps they'll try a snack luncheon in the future. Whatever is planned we know it will be a success because of Mrs. Dawe's excellent and creative leadership. Good work!

Sing It

The following parody to the tune of "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was written by Mrs. C. L. Reed of Cody, Nebraska.

Many a Methodist woman
Has a fine magazine
And if you ever read it
You would even say it's keen.

Now all the other papers
Can't help like this one does
They call it THE METHODIST WOMAN
You should hear the ladies buzz.

Now you may think it costs a lot
And you haven't the time to read.
Just remember a dollar and a half
Is all the money you need.

My, how the ladies love it
And they shout it out with glee—
"Just send THE METHODIST WOMAN
For another year to me."

DO NOT ORDER!

The *Handbook for Status of Women* and the leaflet *Changing Patterns for Women* are both out of print.

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE REPORT FOR

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD

Mrs. Ann Carphey Brown.

Jurisdiction	CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS						
	Admin.	W.S.C.S.	Paid on Pledge 1968-1969	Total Pledged 1970-1969	Youth	Children	Total of Appropriations 1968-1969
Central:							
Central Alabama	$ 295 92	$ 20 00	$ 901 92	$ 1 600 00			$ 901 92
Central West	1 270 58	151 25	1 420 00	1 900 00	$ 124 00	$ 56 75	1 447 75
Delaware	8 566 00	675 00	9 887 00	11 500 00	500 00	350 00	10 987 00
East Tennessee	606 97	80 64	664 28	1 300 00	70 28		736 47
Florida	1 127 00	130 00	1 287 00	1 450 00	20 00	19 00	1 326 00
Georgia	1 179 55	15 00	1 194 55	1 150 00	70 00		1 264 55
Lexington	7 357 00	1 100 00	8 457 00	11 000 00	104 49	35 00	8 796 49
Louisiana	1 894 56	227 00	1 921 56	2 750 00	5 00		1 926 56
Mississippi	1 245 97	193 50	1 439 47	1 900 00	18 00	4 75	1 466 22
North Carolina	1 470 50	28 20	1 498 70	1 900 00	19 00	7 56	1 524 76
South Carolina	3 190 00	169 72	3 359 72	3 200 00	140 00		3 502 72
Southwest	729 92		729 92	1 500 00	6 00	6 00	741 92
Tennessee	1 329 56	211 25	1 540 81	3 500 00	9 00	9 00	1 558 81
Texas	2 918 96	225 00	3 143 96	4 100 00	247 12		3 391 08
Upper Mississippi	344 00	30 00	374 00	1 500 00		10 00	384 00
Washington	3 984 49	1 457 58	5 441 95	12 500 00	417 34	56 00	5 915 29
West Texas	1 728 74	180 00	1 908 74	2 600 00	10 00	20 00	1 938 74
Central Jurisdiction							
Total	38 992 49	4 909 64	43 842 13	79 671 00	1 574 82	456 06	45 976 01
North Central:							
Detroit	107 449 62	3 487 76	110 937 38	171 500 00	2 487 44	144 79	113 439 61
Central Illinois	141 232 78	7 650 16	148 938 88	189 776 00	4 362 68	547 76	154 874 36
Indiana	78 794 60	6 756 36	85 544 76	125 000 00	4 140 50	600 00	90 284 26
Michigan	72 812 38	2 828 40	75 640 78	107 000 00	2 874 01	340 35	78 855 14
Minnesota	67 546 76	1 498 24	69 045 00	100 000 00	2 906 00	337 00	72 170 94
North Dakota	18 006 42	540 00	18 546 42	26 500 00	340 50	132 00	19 224 92
North Indiana	87 341 68	5 806 22	93 148 00	170 000 00	5 191 50	570 00	100 419 50
North Iowa	94 808 37	3 431 65	98 240 02	170 000 00	7 276 34	388 16	105 904 52
North-East Ohio	161 022 58	8 840 24	169 862 82	254 000 00	6 [illegible] 41	407 37	176 068 82
Northwest Indiana	49 230 09	2 114 42	51 344 51	84 000 00	1 987 59	296 66	53 628 76
Ohio	216 887 30	11 284 18	228 171 48	360 000 00	12 140 64	1 426 11	242 412 48
Rock River	155 998 19	7 796 46	166 794 46	229 174 00	6 406 00	349 00	167 143 46
South Dakota	31 421 43	1 360 56	32 781 99	54 000 00	1 800 00		34 581 99
South Iowa	93 498 16	7 702 48	101 200 64	161 000 00	7 922 50	274 28	109 397 42
Southern Illinois	40 648 16	5 747 46	46 395 62	67 500 00	1 643 76	300 50	48 339 21
West Wisconsin	29 988 69	666 87	30 654 56	44 500 00	1 464 03	44 26	32 162 87
Wisconsin	46 554 87	2 704 91	49 259 78	66 500 00	1 280 21		50 499 99
North Central Jurisdiction		166 00	166 00				166 00
Total	1 492 606 97	76 944 13	1,571 550 10	2 568 254 00	71 184 46	7,131 31	1,649 847 29
Northeastern:							
Baltimore	98 923 65	5 578 66	102 499 31	135 000 00	4 682 68	248 61	107 376 80
Central New York	37 459 45	460 61	37 920 06	58 000 00	1 046 44	30 00	39 004 50
Central Pennsylvania	38 711 24	380 00	39 091 24	58 000 00	2 350 00	190 00	41 541 24
Erie	56 864 98	641 00	57 449 98	91 000 00	1 854 00	636 14	59 740 12
Genesee	38 378 67	1 580 15	39 898 82	74 000 00	1 500 53	49 00	41 451 46
Maine	497 86		497 86	10 500 00	428 50	21 49	7 950 34
New England	31 702 76	295 00	31 997 76	36 000 00	2 700 00	36 63	34 742 87
New England Southern	17 900 00		17 900 00	26 000 00	845 44	24 21	18 851 65
New Hampshire	4 453 87	261 00	4 714 87	6 700 00	270 01	2 35	4 985 73
New Jersey	43 500 43	621 00	44 121 43	62 115 00	3 176 19	130 73	47 432 75
New York	27 520 89	4 440 21	31 961 10	48 500 00	984 79	84 34	32 292 73
New York East	45 199 13	2 267 08	47 166 21	61 200 00	2 316 00	89 23	49 563 54
Newark	54 108 56	1 796 18	55 904 74	81 700 00	1 823 77	70 67	57 799 18
Northern New York	21 086 79	661 50	21 748 29	31 750 00	986 72	79 64	22 705 66
Peninsula	37 264 27	299 43	37 564 10	50 000 00	1 364 50	152 46	39 055 06
Philadelphia	71 505 39	4 536 18	76 [illegible] 57	110 000 00	2 487 25	222 14	78 747 96
Pittsburgh	90 270 81	1 982 90	92 253 71	140 000 00	2 974 17	569 75	95 747 13
Puerto Rico Provisional				55 00			
Troy	42 984 20	1 120 29	44 104 49	59 500 00	1 346 52	94 86	45 689 87
West Virginia	96 420 64	7 742 92	104 163 56	136 000 00	4 653 00	198 49	109 514 96
Wyoming	46 712 44	1 092 81	47 805 25	67 000 00		4 65	47 809 90
Northeastern Jurisdiction	205 00		205 00				205 00
Total	968 909 23	33 403 32	941 982 60	1.297 845 00	37 206 72	2,693 92	982,062 24
South Central:							
Central Kansas	107 756 69	10 640 95	117 894 64	179 000 00	4 211 99	310 80	122 327 43
Central Texas	54 142 99	12 314 87	66 456 46	95 000 00	3 447 36	114 87	70 426 69
Indian Mission	697 00		697 00	1 400 00	46 12	4 81	746 81
Kansas	58 331 64	5 556 36	63 888 00	101 500 00	2 192 00	832 50	66,911 50
Little Rock	43 360 46	8 804 12	52 220 00	77 400 00	2 598 20	30 62	54.648 82

FIRST NINE MONTHS 1958—1959

OF MISSIONS—THE METHODIST CHURCH
Treasurer

DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

Total on Appropriations 1957-1958	Appropriations		Week of Prayer (Including W.S.G.)	Cash for Supply Work	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Bequests	Total Receipts
	General	Conference Work						
$ 641.00	$ 312.92		89.48			$ 95.00		$ 447.40
1,527.48	1,607.75		265.48	$ 155.50		4.37		2,033.10
6,108.62	7,335.00	$ 2,750.00	141.00	460.00		17.50		10,703.50
923.00	736.45		89.79	59.00	$ 14.00	8.06		907.30
894.36	1,296.00		112.00	60.00	6.00	4.50		1,478.50
971.96	1,205.85		89.50	215.00	15.83			1,526.18
10,005.89	8,796.88		325.00	554.00	1,100.00	20.00		10,795.88
2,343.08	1,923.86		201.98	292.99		6.00		2,424.83
934.50	1,456.32		184.18	525.50		1.00		2,167.00
1,549.85	1,534.71		100.00	93.48		7.00		1,735.19
4,011.25	3,502.72		139.05	158.77		11.00		3,811.54
536.41	736.92		54.60	82.75		2.00		876.27
1,387.00	1,555.55		80.00	128.20		5.00		1,768.75
2,762.00	2,786.08		150.00	143.55		10.00		3,089.63
669.91	585.00		38.55	20.00		12.50		656.05
4,144.57	5,909.26		479.03	519.86	176.79	20.00		7,104.94
1,626.50	1,943.74		125.92	201.00		6.00		2,276.66
46.30								
41,083.68	43,225.01	2,750.00	2,615.56	3,669.60	1,312.62	229.93		53,802.72
111,790.35	110,087.17	3,412.44	7,286.68	9,682.94	2,856.24	101.76		133,427.23
150,405.01	124,874.36	29,800.00	8,549.07	23,932.90	2,749.64			189,905.97
86,674.54	88,278.26	2,250.00	6,072.18	11,070.41	621.94	72.41	$ 619.44	108,984.64
76,725.98	71,151.79	7,450.00	5,446.53	12,332.07	164.82	74.86	200.00	96,820.07
67,254.02	71,256.30	914.64	5,275.69	10,501.68	796.82	73.63		88,818.76
18,829.26	19,224.32		1,533.12	2,674.40	137.93			23,569.77
100,655.15	101,419.35		5,960.73	7,963.92	122.20	68.86		115,535.06
106,370.82	102,027.48	3,866.64	7,531.47	13,522.11	754.89	98.22		127,800.81
162,865.65	168,258.08	7,799.94	9,855.55	18,052.83	1,375.70	131.96	100.00	205,574.06
55,471.13	53,869.70		3,516.71	5,529.05	252.00	52.32		63,219.78
246,451.12	242,112.88		16,306.57	26,348.74	1,071.27	181.17		286,020.63
161,405.84	163,063.96	4,077.00	7,194.79	17,637.56	1,055.16	88.82		193,117.29
28,582.24	34,086.99		2,609.63	3,067.17		25.00		39,788.79
103,861.94	102,669.92	6,727.50	7,155.26	14,645.03	428.17	103.75		131,729.63
47,383.43	48,351.21		4,317.14	8,676.29	876.36	39.14		62,260.14
31,419.63	32,152.37		1,968.10	3,381.86	401.66	30.70		37,934.69
45,207.32	50,499.99		3,253.84	4,743.95	458.00	42.16		58,997.94
10.00	165.00				606.51			771.51
1,601,363.43	1,583,549.13	66,298.16	103,833.06	193,762.91	14,729.31	1,184.76	919.44	1,964,276.77
102,857.62	84,725.80	22,650.00	7,948.67	10,783.69	4,303.37	86.39		130,497.92
36,775.53	39,004.90		2,836.73	2,962.88	549.26	45.00		45,398.77
41,844.06	32,673.89	8,868.00	4,008.37	5,085.41	235.00			50,870.67
58,547.98	55,077.23	4,666.64	5,448.47	6,677.46	934.97	50.00		72,854.77
41,986.90	38,341.45	3,120.00	3,238.86	5,621.09	1,636.15	48.02		52,005.57
8,610.87	7,950.94		1,129.32	929.00	45.00	9.83		10,064.09
25,852.85	25,257.90	9,524.97	1,868.56	6,078.22	1,887.10	37.52		44,654.27
18,225.67	15,951.65	2,700.00	1,415.37	1,610.83	905.69	19.52		22,603.06
5,074.01	4,985.73		567.71	686.65				6,240.09
40,639.82	42,944.00	4,488.75	3,754.32	8,922.59	300.75	43.39		60,453.80
30,195.56	32,292.73		2,016.74	3,103.08	234.30	35.00	500.00	38,181.85
47,747.22	46,075.54	3,487.50	3,128.47	4,257.94	788.74			57,738.19
57,304.25	55,099.18	2,700.00	3,588.75	5,022.35	2,030.65	46.25		68,487.18
19,050.58	22,705.56		2,039.01	1,998.50	1,616.04	27.70		28,386.81
37,799.60	31,150.09	7,904.97	3,247.94	2,537.00	1,084.70			45,924.70
68,845.18	64,272.99	14,474.97	5,206.78	8,905.90	100.00	60.04		93,020.68
88,626.34	79,322.13	16,425.00	7,338.98	10,597.35	3,090.00		164.51	116,937.97
160.00			240.00					240.00
44,879.68	45,689.87		2,603.18	3,406.22		46.56		51,745.83
102,143.25	101,864.96	7,650.00	11,571.97	11,977.61	4,930.74	83.34		138,078.62
44,316.03	40,309.93	7,499.97	2,765.39	7,445.93	220.75	45.00		58,286.97
258.59	205.00							205.00
921,741.59	865,901.47	116,160.77	75,963.59	108,609.70	24,893.21	683.56	664.51	1,192,876.81
109,995.01	121,464.96	862.47	8,375.49	9,957.76	182.07	87.72		140,930.47
73,043.85	70,426.63		6,938.71	7,826.21	2,022.03	35.52		87,249.10
1,016.07	746.81		135.58	79.79				962.18
63,784.47	66,911.50		4,885.94	8,328.82	389.61	63.83		80,579.70
61,462.71	54,648.82		3,481.40	4,116.21	134.94	31.02		62,412.39

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE REPORT FOR

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD

Mrs. Ann Curphey Brown,

Jurisdiction	CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS						
	Adult	W.S.G.	Paid on Pledge 1958-1959	Total Pledged 1958-1959	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriations 1958-1959
South Central (Continued):							
Louisiana	$ 65,205.41	$ 10,569.59	$ 75,775.00	$ 104,400.00	$ 2,866.73	$ 128.83	$ 78,770.56
Missouri	30,072.41	2,700.74	32,773.15	50,000.00	1,096.27	77.04	33,946.46
Nebraska	90,798.28	4,544.82	95,343.10	176,000.00	2,118.61	290.14	97,751.85
New Mexico	19,751.32	3,801.68	23,553.00	28,200.00	876.94	5.44	24,435.38
North Arkansas	32,832.20	10,012.91	42,845.11	58,500.00	1,528.14	36.75	44,410.00
North Texas	67,207.98	10,929.28	78,137.26	116,921.00	4,010.21	50.30	82,197.77
Northwest Texas	50,511.13	8,402.38	58,913.51	77,500.00	4,055.89	56.99	63,026.39
Oklahoma	101,135.93	17,782.13	118,918.06	173,000.00	5,411.29	257.12	124,586.47
Rio Grande	1,362.44	35.25	1,397.69	1,500.00	60.30	5.88	1,463.87
St. Louis	54,625.60	8,161.54	62,787.14	85,000.00	926.56	73.06	63,786.76
Southwest Missouri	55,126.17	7,480.04	62,606.21	90,400.00	1,241.20	127.57	63,974.98
Southwest Texas	71,857.41	13,536.66	85,394.07	119,000.00	3,323.70	17.50	88,735.27
Texas	107,048.22	17,077.16	124,125.38	175,000.00	2,540.10	349.04	127,014.52
South Central Jurisdiction	405.00	5.00	410.00				410.00
Total	1,012,229.88	151,823.98	1,164,053.86	1,709,721.00	42,744.55	2,773.06	1,209,571.47
Southeastern:							
Alabama-West Florida	58,361.76	8,803.85	67,165.61	92,000.00	1,868.62	187.54	69,221.77
Cuba Mission	195.00		195.00	100.00	116.77		311.77
Florida	126,005.37	14,696.59	140,701.96	165,000.00	7,793.43	295.80	148,791.19
Holston	85,133.91	16,206.52	101,340.43	140,000.00	8,074.71	216.23	109,631.37
Kentucky	38,266.07	7,655.91	45,921.98	78,000.00	1,849.96	142.61	47,914.55
Louisville	40,663.27	5,435.14	46,098.41	72,000.00	2,672.55	228.56	48,999.52
Memphis	51,899.41	13,124.76	65,024.17	90,750.00	2,538.98	125.32	67,688.47
Mississippi	45,971.52	8,010.92	53,982.44	74,000.00	3,513.26	61.36	57,557.06
North Alabama	62,237.06	13,753.35	75,990.41	106,000.00	5,569.41	115.67	81,675.49
North Carolina	75,674.56	9,204.07	84,878.63	136,750.00	4,507.12	677.30	90,063.05
North Georgia	96,365.00	25,980.00	122,345.00	175,000.00	6,049.96	289.05	128,684.01
North Mississippi	30,663.48	5,846.85	36,510.33	62,100.00	3,113.59	61.60	39,685.52
South Carolina	107,776.91	13,584.14	121,361.05	152,500.00	4,065.15	191.16	125,617.36
South Georgia	88,847.94	13,770.55	102,618.49	141,100.00	3,532.57	269.62	106,420.68
Tennessee	60,622.92	11,046.25	71,669.17	105,000.00	3,574.42	113.17	75,356.76
Virginia	163,959.84	15,710.56	179,670.40	230,000.00	9,180.06	424.22	189,274.68
Western North Carolina	95,262.22	19,154.88	114,417.10	160,000.00	7,795.12	205.05	122,417.27
Southeastern Jurisdiction	15.00		15.00				15.00
Total	1,227,921.24	201,984.34	1,429,905.58	1,980,300.00	75,815.68	3,604.26	1,509,325.52
Western:							
Alaska Mission	1,656.00	25.00	1,681.00	1,982.00	28.62		1,709.62
California-Nevada	87,967.09	9,748.83	97,715.92	112,000.00	3,627.80	126.87	101,470.59
Hawaii Mission	1,885.43	79.00	1,964.43	2,200.00	232.07		2,196.50
Idaho	14,407.34	919.44	15,326.78	16,736.00	480.75	50.48	15,858.01
Montana	14,589.93	841.62	15,431.55	20,600.00	2,475.96	2.13	17,909.64
Oregon	34,012.23	3,440.05	37,452.28	53,955.00	2,732.04	27.25	40,211.57
Pacific Japanese Provisional	807.35	234.00	1,041.35	1,250.00	84.06		1,125.41
Pacific Northwest	51,884.83	5,563.23	57,448.06	78,000.00	1,824.41	93.57	59,366.04
Rocky Mountain	49,661.15	4,494.15	54,155.30	62,000.00	1,724.52	309.93	56,189.75
Southern California-Arizona	185,205.93	15,893.01	201,098.94	257,000.00	6,383.71	156.88	207,639.53
Western Jurisdiction							
Total	442,077.28	41,238.33	483,315.61	605,723.00	19,593.94	767.11	503,676.66
Total from Conferences	5,122,677.14	511,953.74	5,634,630.88	7,976,313.00	248,199.59	17,627.72	5,900,458.19
Other Income for Appropriations:							
Deaconess Pension Fund							52,168.85
Enrolled Home Missionary Pension Fund							637.61
Interest Income Allocated from Permanent and Restricted Funds							
Miscellaneous and Gifts for Appropriations							15,732.16
							68,538.62
Grand Total	$5,122,677.14	$511,953.74	$5,634,630.88	$7,976,313.00	$248,199.59	$17,627.72	$5,968,996.81

FIRST NINE MONTHS 1958—1959

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DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

Total on Appropriations 1957-1958	Appropriations		Week of Prayer (Including W.S.G.)	Cash for Supply Work	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Bequests	Total Receipts
	General	Conference Work						
$ 76,130.46	$ 78,770.56		$ 7,510.55	$ 12,546.79	$ 5.00	$ 40.00		$ 98,872.90
34,226.44	33,946.46		4,060.69	6,246.12	232.75	30.10		44,516.12
96,353.60	89,051.85	$ 8,700.00	5,242.85	12,941.06	401.66	75.12		116,412.54
19,378.88	24,435.38		3,424.54	6,783.86	158.30	21.00		34,823.08
43,730.00	44,010.00	400.00	4,929.90	8,970.26	50.00	34.62		58,394.78
77,643.55	82,197.77		10,025.25	7,274.11	226.27	45.11		99,768.51
58,319.37	63,026.39		8,514.34	8,356.05	4,296.80	33.00		84,226.58
119,418.30	124,586.47		10,578.47	19,422.80	3,989.48	79.19		158,656.41
1,413.96	1,463.87		488.56	527.79				2,480.22
62,520.75	63,786.76		5,058.83	12,989.29	340.00	35.72		82,210.60
58,255.62	63,974.98		5,641.82	8,781.05	430.38	41.55		78,869.78
83,072.25	88,735.27		9,063.23	14,825.63	502.36	48.80		113,175.29
125,954.16	127,014.52		10,353.83	17,766.25	8,901.42	63.62		164,099.64
335.00	410.00							410.00
1,166,054.45	1,199,609.00	9,962.47	108,709.98	167,739.85	22,263.07	765.92		1,509,050.29
66,289.63	69,221.77		11,728.93	5,891.55	1,088.10	45.00		87,975.35
374.26	311.77		324.35		75.50			711.62
139,302.88	148,791.19		16,166.48	14,716.88	11,288.87	150.00		191,113.42
102,504.07	109,631.37		17,780.15	13,152.56	8,436.51	72.42		149,073.01
47,528.82	47,914.55		6,035.75	4,794.16	460.00	28.83		59,233.29
47,882.97	48,999.52		7,026.01	6,506.53	5,875.00	28.02		68,435.08
67,807.57	67,688.47		11,713.05	7,625.56	785.72	46.00		87,858.80
53,347.08	57,557.06		9,022.57	4,078.03	101.00	23.92		70,782.58
77,949.70	79,425.49	2,250.00	9,769.94	11,822.72	17,063.57			120,331.72
95,700.78	90,063.05		12,938.32	13,876.00	15,600.00	78.91		132,556.28
120,195.45	128,684.01		11,157.30	13,816.17	8,953.16	80.80		162,691.44
39,461.23	39,685.52		6,622.14	3,613.87	401.55			50,323.08
125,139.09	125,617.36		11,245.81	11,350.79	3,715.01	77.31		152,006.28
98,360.63	106,420.68		11,752.44	10,720.08	4,160.00	50.36		133,103.56
73,266.60	61,049.82	14,306.94	6,562.47	5,699.14	115.00	38.39		87,771.76
155,762.27	186,274.68	3,000.00	23,366.19	18,062.59	27,209.26	134.50		258,047.22
127,189.80	122,417.27		14,816.63	16,671.80	27,688.34			181,594.04
100.00	15.00				292.27			307.27
1,438,162.83	1,489,768.58	19,556.94	188,028.53	162,398.43	133,308.86	854.46		1,993,915.80
1,393.75	1,709.62		293.61	372.50	48.00	1.00		2,424.73
90,383.24	97,670.59	3,800.00	6,348.98	17,614.67	1,447.24	64.73		126,946.21
1,513.84	2,196.50		195.75	92.01	8.90	1.64		2,494.80
16,960.06	15,858.01		829.86	2,655.34	305.00	12.68		19,660.89
18,171.84	15,909.64	2,000.00	1,467.24	2,630.99	5.00	15.31		22,028.18
39,458.61	36,836.57	3,375.00	2,352.39	4,346.54	197.05	31.89		47,139.44
745.00	1,125.41		564.57	79.15	25.00	3.93		1,798.06
55,241.26	58,766.04	600.00	4,359.72	9,169.59	1,019.01	46.78		73,961.14
47,836.30	54,539.78	1,649.97	4,279.08	8,577.16	2,106.31	50.59		71,202.80
197,811.95	203,364.53	4,275.00	11,021.59	31,427.54	12,008.85	117.51		262,215.02
101.40								
469,617.25	487,976.69	15,699.97	31,712.79	76,965.49	17,170.36	345.97		629,871.27
5,638,023.23	5,670,029.88	230,428.31	510,863.51	713,145.98	213,677.43	4,064.60	1,583.95	7,343,793.66
50,384.93	52,168.85							52,168.85
540.23	637.61							637.61
3,809.62								
12,636.56	15,732.16							15,732.16
67,371.34	68,538.62							68,538.62
$ 5,705,394.57	$ 5,738,568.50	$ 230,428.31	$ 510,863.51	$ 713,145.98	$ 213,677.43	$ 4,064.60	$ 1,583.95	$7,412,332.28

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